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For four years he was missing in Iraq. A little more than a year ago, his remains were found. His case helped reshape the military's casualty assistance policy and his saga altered the lives of family, friends and fellow servicemembers forever.

IN MEMORY OF MAUPIN



BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY / *Stars and Stripes*

They laid Matt Maupin to rest just over a year ago, but to those who knew him, closure is a relative word.

I They have moved on with their lives, all of them — Mom and Dad, his siblings, friends and Army buddies. Mom is planning a nice vacation. Dad is fishing more. His younger brother re-enlisted with the Marines. His sister is a mom, again. Soldiers he knew are returning to civilian life, and boyhood friends in Ohio are getting married and having children.

But the quest for closure means different things to different people. It's subjective, nuanced, and there isn't always a finish line.

Take Carolyn Maupin, Matt's mom. She still has her Christmas tree up — from 2004. That's the year Iraqi insurgents ambushed an Army convoy and snatched her 20-year-old son, leading to four years of anguish while the military searched for him.

As part of her vigil, Mom kept the artificial tree lit for a few hours each night. Last year, they found Matt Maupin's remains in the twilight of a March evening.

"It may be up for a lot longer; I do not know," Carolyn Maupin said as she stood near the heavily decorated Christmas tree that she still lights each evening. "To me, it was helping to light his way home."

A military counselor once suggested that taking down the tree would bring “some normality” to her life. But, she replied, “what is normality?”

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Family tradition

Woman is 7th-generation graduate of West Point

BY MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Caroline Miller, a saber in her white-gloved hand, leads cadets of Company D with crisp commands. "Ready ... eyes right!" As hundreds of West Point cadets march across the sprawling green grass for review, she is in lockstep.

She also is following in the footsteps of family members who have marched just like this for seven generations, forming a long gray bloodline, longer than any still existing at West Point.

Miller's ancestors have fought in the Civil War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. They have served since her great-great-great-great grandfather graduated when Andrew Jackson was president 173 years ago. Her father graduated here. Her sister, too.

Now it's her turn.

On Saturday, the 22-year-old was among the more than 950 cadets commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, forming another link in an unbroken family chain of West Point graduates.

"I consider it more of a privilege than a burden," Miller said. "I'm walking where my great-grandfathers have walked and I'm having the same opportunity that they had, to see what they saw, to do what they used to do. I'm part of an incredible tradition."

West Point holds on hard to its 207 years of history. Looming over the west shore of the Hudson River like a stone fortress, cadets here wear gray uniforms that have barely changed over generations.

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**MIKE GROLL/AF**

Army 2nd Lt. Caroline Miller, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, and her father, Jerry Miller, a 1973 graduate of the academy, pose in West Point, N.Y.

KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

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OF THE DAY

"Too many people are suffering because of me. Don't be sorry; don't blame anybody. It's destiny."

— An excerpt from the suicide note of former South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun

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Cadets' decision to serve is praised

By MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Cadets graduating from West Point were praised by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Saturday for having the courage and patriotism to join the military in "a dangerous new century."

Gates noted that the 970 members of the U.S. Military Academy's class of 2009 were preparing their West Point applications in late 2004, even as American forces were battling fiercely in Fallujah in Iraq.

"You made your decision to serve knowing not only that America was at war, as did

every man or woman who joined the military after Sept. 11, but that this war would be bloody and difficult, of indefinite length and uncertain outcome," Gates told cadets. "In doing so, you showed courage, commitment and patriotism of the highest order."

Gates urged the new officers to show the courage to speak hard truths to superior officers and to show compassion for soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress or other illnesses.

The class of 2009 includes 17 cadets from other countries, including the academy's first cadet from Afghanistan, who will attend graduate school in the United States.



MIKE GROLL/AP

West Point cadets throw their hats after graduation on Saturday.

Graduate: Cadet is latest of longest, unbroken West Point line

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Statues of world-changing graduates like Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur stand watch over cadets heading to class.

That history is more personal for Miller. She had to run the same lung-searing indoor obstacle course her father endured. She has internalized the same honor code drummed into her great-grandfather. She has sat in the same Gothic mess hall here, (think Hogwarts, but as a military school) wondering where her ancestors sat.

Such "dynasties" are not unusual at West Point. What sets the Millers apart is a direct line stretching across seven generations to Israel Carle Woodruff. An 1836 graduate, he was a topographical engineer who helped defend Washington, D.C., against Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Maybe the busiest of the bunch was great grandfather Fay Prickett, a 1916 graduate who served in World Wars I and II, chased Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa and ran a war crimes tribunal at Dachau.

Her father, Jerry Miller, graduated in 1973 and raised four daughters with his wife, Clare. The line survives today because the academy began accepting women in 1976. When Jerry and Clare Miller dropped off their eldest daughter, Kate, at the academy in 1994, Caroline was inspired. The 7-year-old girl saw the cadets marching and fell in love with the place.

Jerry Miller recalls that when Caroline was about 9, she asked what it was like to be chewed out at Beast Barracks, the six-week summer shakedown all incoming cadets go



MIKE GROLL/AP

Army 2nd Lt. Caroline Miller and her father, Jerry Miller are graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The Millers' ancestors have been graduating from the academy since President Andrew Jackson was in office.

through. It's called hazing, he said, and you really have to experience it to understand it.

"She said 'OK, haze me back to my room.' So I did," he said. "I hazed her all the way

down to her room and she looked at me with these big eyes like, 'Good grief, I never heard my father talk like that!' We got to her room and I said 'Well, what do you think?' And she said, 'That was kind of neat!'

"I knew then she had the right mind-set to do something like this."

The Millers say they never pressured their daughters to go to West Point, only to serve their country in some capacity. Kate is now in the California Air National Guard, another daughter is a social worker and the youngest is studying to be an elementary school teacher.

Her father and sister offered Caroline been-there, done-that tips. And Caroline's parents moved from Colorado to just outside the academy's gates. But West Point is ultimately a merciless meritocracy — ancestors cannot help carry a pack in the blazing heat or master trigonometry. Caroline, who studied engineering, did well enough to serve as a company commander and as a co-captain of the women's soccer team.

After receiving her Army commission, she will take a break to get married. (He's a West Point graduate, naturally.) She then will train stateside before receiving an assignment. She said she is prepared for a likely deployment to Afghanistan or Iraq. After that, she might want to pursue legal training in the military or maybe come back to West Point to teach.

But she says she won't force her children to become the eighth generation at West Point.

"Encourage them, yes. Force them, no," she said. "I think West Point is something you need to do for yourself. You can't do it for your parents or the expectations of others."

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The casket of Army Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin is placed inside a hangar after its arrival at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati in 2008.

IN MEMORY OF MAUPIN



MAUPIN, FROM PAGE 1

By the time they laid Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin to rest, he had become one of the iconic figures of Operation Iraqi Freedom, though not in the way he or anyone else envisioned. The passage of time, two disturbing insurgent videos of a captive Maupin and an effective campaign by his parents to keep the military and public focused on the case made him one of the most widely known American prisoners of war since Vietnam. (Technically, the Army listed him only as missing in action because he was not held by "the military arm of a recognized, standing government.")

While he was missing, the Army promoted him three times, from private first class to staff sergeant.

When 25th Infantry Division soldiers found Maupin's remains, there wasn't much left of him to recover. They found a jawbone, some vertebrae and a piece of his arm. DNA tests confirmed the remains were his.

The memorial service "was really no relief for me, because we never got to see him. You know what I'm saying?" said Keith Maupin, the soldier's dad.

"We never got to see Matt. Most of these soldiers who come back, they have them in caskets. You get to see him. You know he's there. I don't look for Matt to walk through that door, but at the same time, we didn't get to see him."

Rattling the cage

One of the legacies of the Matt Maupin saga is the impact it had on the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, particularly its casualty assistance office. Among other things, it led to some adjustments in procedures and policies. Maupin's parents were a catalyst.

"They kept us on our toes, and you need that sometimes," said Shari Lawrence, an Army spokeswoman for the human resources command. "They helped us get better at what we do."

Keith Maupin, a straight-talking former Marine with a scraggly beard, said one of things that drove him bananas was the frequent turnover of casualty assistance officers, particularly at the beginning. He

counts at least 15 during the four years Matt was missing. At times, he said, continuity suffered because issues and details weren't fully passed along from one soldier to the next.

It got to the point where Keith Maupin would warn a new casualty assistance officer that if his son wasn't their No. 1 priority when they walked through his door, "leave now and we'll part as friends."

"And sometimes he'd go away and not come back," he said. "Then they would send somebody else. But most of them hung around for a while."

Lawrence explained the Maupin case was unique for the casualty assistance office because the soldier was missing, not killed or injured in action, for which the typical outreach period might last 45 days. And since there were two households, due to divorce, each parent initially had their own team.

The Maupin case "taught us to look long term," Lawrence said. "We hope for short

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Keith Maupin

Father of Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin

term but plan for long term."

Multiple support teams for one soldier won't be the norm in the future, but it could be in some cases, depending on the situation, Lawrence said. Some families also want regular updates while others prefer to wait until there's a new development. The Maupins asked to be kept tightly in the loop.

The Maupins, Lawrence said, displayed "a great deal of grace, even when they would question us."

One of those questions concerned the way in which a soldier's personal effects are returned to a loved one.

Carolyn Maupin remembered how taken aback she was when someone showed up at



DAVID KOHL/AP

Carolyn and Keith Maupin, parents of Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin, pose with a poster in 2007 inside the Yellow Ribbon Support Center near Batavia, Ohio, before the missing soldier's remains were found.

her house with a cardboard box containing Matt's belongings from his hooch downrange, all neatly packed. It was placed on the floor, and the man seemed anxious to leave.

"Isn't he worth anything more to the Army or to this government than a cardboard box?" she said, recounting the conversation. "You know he had never been asked that question before, and now they

face and story alive. Each package contained multiple pictures of Matt bearing inscriptions of one sort or another. One read: "I'm captured in Iraq, and prayers can set me free."

Some soldiers returning from the war zone told the couple their efforts were not in vain. They said Matt's picture was plastered all over the place, a reward was being offered and soldiers were chasing down every viable lead.

"The Maupin case set a lot of precedents," said Army Lt. Col. Willie Harris, a Pentagon spokesman who was directly assigned to the case.

Over the four-year period Matt Maupin was listed as MIA, three other soldiers went missing. Two of the three, Staff Sgt. Alex R. Jimenez and Spc. Bryon Fouty, were abducted in May 2007 when insurgents ambushed their convoy. The soldiers' remains were found 14 months later.

Gunmen reportedly grabbed a third soldier, an Iraqi-American, in October 2006 while he was visiting Iraqi relatives. Spc. Ahmed Altaie remains missing, as does Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael "Scott" Speicher, a fighter pilot shot down over Iraq in 1991 on the first night of Operation Desert Storm.

"We don't forget them," Lawrence said, "and we don't let them be forgotten."

In her office, Lawrence keeps replicas of Fouty's and Jimenez's dog tags and a picture of Matt Maupin as a reminder of the mission at hand. Her motto is every soldier has a mother, and every mother finds her telephone number.

"The [Maupin] family pushed and pulled," Lawrence said.

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don't do that anymore."

Nowadays, Lawrence said items are returned to the family in a hard-plastic trunk.

Carolyn and Keith Maupin divorced when Matt was in elementary school, but they set aside many of their differences in the interest of their son.

Together they formed the Yellow Ribbon Support Center on the outskirts of Cincinnati, near their hometown of Batavia. Buoyed by a battalion of volunteers, they assembled and mailed thousands of care packages to servicemembers in Iraq.

While supporting the troops was — and still is — important to them, they also used the care packages to keep Matt's name,

Obama urges U.S. to honor vets

President: 'It is about doing all we can' on Memorial Day

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama urged Americans to pay tribute to veterans on Memorial Day, saying the nation all too often has "failed to live up to that responsibility."

In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, Obama said people can honor veterans by sending a letter or care package to troops overseas, volunteering at health clinics or taking supplies to a homeless veterans center.

He said it could also mean something as simple as saying "thank you" to a veteran walking by on the street.

"We have a responsibility to serve all of them as well as they serve all of us," Obama said.

"And yet, all too often in recent years and decades, we, as a nation, have failed to live up to that responsibility. We have failed to give them the support they need or pay them the respect they deserve."

"That is a betrayal of the sacred trust that America has with all who wear and all who have worn the proud uniform of our country," he said.

Obama said he was committed to giving troops the training and equipment they need and making certain the Veterans Affairs Department had the money it needed. He also noted that he had signed a bill into law that would eliminate waste in defense projects and was working to improve the economy so that veterans can find a good job, provide for their families and earn a college degree.

"That is what Memorial Day is all about," Obama said. "It is about doing all we can to repay the debt we owe to those men and women who have answered our nation's call by fighting under its flag. It is about recognizing that we, as a people, did not get here by accident or good fortune alone."



HARAZ N. GHANBARI/AP

"We have a responsibility to serve all of them as well as they serve all of us," said President Barack Obama, about observing Memorial Day in Washington.

Soldier's remains to be laid to rest

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — The cremated remains of a Vietnam veteran from Texas that were discovered last year in a foot locker at a garage sale in Broken Arrow will be laid to rest Saturday.

The remains of Army Pvt. Warren A. Nicholls, of Fort Worth, will be sealed in a granite memorial bench during a Memorial Day weekend ceremony at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow. The bench will be placed in the cemetery's Field of Honor with a giant U.S. flag.

The urn containing Nicholls' remains, along with his Purple Heart medal, were found in 2008 inside a foot locker that a local antiques dealer purchased for \$5 at a garage sale.

From The Associated Press

IN MEMORY OF MAUPIN

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"If it were my kid, I would be doing the same."

Lawrence wasn't the only person in Washington with a picture of Matt Maupin.

George W. Bush often carried Maupin's picture with him, according to Keith Maupin. He said the former president routinely met with him and his ex-wife whenever they traveled to Washington for an update.

"You don't send your kids off to war and expect them all to come home," Keith Maupin said. "This time it was mine."

On the homefront

Matt Maupin joined the Army Reserve in 2002 to help pay for college. It was a snap decision, said Rob Lindley, a boyhood friend who enlisted with Maupin under the "buddy program," which allows friends to enter and serve together. They talked about it one weekend, he said, and joined the following week.

Lindley never made it to Iraq because of a heart condition that ultimately led to him being medically discharged. It was Lindley who steered Maupin toward becoming an Army truck driver. He said had they both known just how hairy the job could be in a combat zone, they may have opted for another gig.

"That's what bothers me," said Lindley, who got married last fall. "My actions affected his actions."

Lindley noticed a change in Maupin as time went on and his deployment to Iraq neared. Earning money for college remained a core objective for Maupin, who was interested in sports medicine and nutrition, but Lindley said his friend seemed more patriotic and purposeful. He was anxious, too.

"Matt was excited — and scared," Lindley said.

In characterizing his friend, Lindley alternately called him a geek, sporty and a teddy bear. He remembers how scrawny Maupin was in elementary school and how he was teased for wearing glasses with super-thick lenses. In middle school, Maupin got into rowing and the sport transformed him, adding muscle and bulk to an already growing body. He played football in high school but wasn't a regular. Still, he



Courtesy of Carolyn Maupin

The Ohio gravesite of Army Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin.

faithfully attended every practice.

Maupin's first car was a rusty, sun-faded, red 1983 Chevy Nova. His father called it "a piece of junk." Maupin, according to Lindley, came to view the car as "a stigma he'd never get away from," even after he acquired a nifty, five-speed Ford Mustang that his younger brother, Micah, coveted.

The teen who became a man and then a soldier never really got over his inherent shyness. Soldiers in Maupin's unit, the 724th Transportation Company, also spoke of his quiet nature. Lindley said that shyness was amplified when his friend was in the presence of girls. He dated, but it was never a central element in his life.

Then, two weeks before he deployed to Iraq, Maupin met a girl named Amy, and Lindley could tell his friend was smitten like never before.

On the day the Army announced that Maupin was captured, Lindley and a few close friends gathered at Carolyn Maupin's house. They sat in Matt's room for several hours, all six of them, including Keith Maupin, and tried to make sense of the

unthinkable. There were, recalled Lindley, extended periods when no one said a thing.

"For the rest of our lives, when we look at his picture, he's never going to get any older, and we are," Lindley said. "The reality of that is heavy, very heavy."

'Dancing back into society'

Ever since they laid Matt Maupin to rest, friends and family have struggled with the business of getting on with their lives.

The Yellow Ribbon Support Center remains open and committed to helping troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Carolyn Maupin, however, has divested herself from the operation. She and Matt's dad haven't spoken to each other in several months, but the two have collaborated on a scholarship fund in Matt's honor.

Two of the friends who sat in Matt's room that gloomy April day five years ago, a young married couple, named their first child after Matt.

"Life does go on," Lindley said, "but then

For more information on the Matt Maupin scholarship fund, go to mattmaupin.org

again, you don't have any closure. You don't know what to think, what to process."

One of Matt Maupin's battle buddies, Sgt. Jeremy Church, is trying to move forward as well. Church was driving the lead vehicle in the April 9, 2004, convoy Maupin was a part of.

Originally, Maupin wasn't on the list of soldiers to go on the morning mission, which involved driving fuel from Camp Anaconda in Balad to Baghdad International Airport. But Church said the force needed about six extra people, and so Maupin was tabbed to go. His job was to ride shotgun in one of the fuel tankers. In all, there were 26 vehicles.

"I didn't sleep the night before," Church said. "Something just felt out of place."

Others in the unit felt the same thing, possibly because the mission had been adjusted and tweaked a few times. Church cited by name several soldiers, including officers, who shared the same apprehension. Maupin was one of them.

Shortly before the convoy rolled out the gate, Maupin conveyed his misgivings to Church, who then offered to switch places with the Ohioan. Maupin thought about it for a beat or two and then declined. Church was riding with the convoy commander and the two worked well together, Maupin told him. For the good of the team, Maupin corralled his fears and headed for his fuel truck.

"If we had switched positions," Church said, "I wouldn't be talking to you now."

He recalls the last thing he said to Maupin that day. As Maupin began to step away, Church said: "I'll see you in Baghdad. If not, I'll come back for you."

"He's home now," Church said. "I kept my promise to him."

For him, the process of finding closure has begun, but it won't be easy. Church lost several colleagues that day. Later, after his second tour in Iraq, he spent time at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for back and knee injuries as well as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Church has moved back to Missouri and is easing back into everyday life. He referred to this phase of his life as "dancing back into society."

"I don't think you ever get over the things you've seen or did overseas," Church said without elaborating. "The nightmares never go away, but they get easier to take."

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EMILIO MORENATI/AP

Displaced Pakistani men wait behind a fence Saturday for a distribution of carpets and buckets at the Jalozi refugee camp next to Peshawar, Pakistan. Pakistani security forces thundered into the main town in a northwest Taliban stronghold, engaging in fierce street battles Saturday while trying to avoid casualties among thousands of civilians still there, the army said.

Pakistan security forces fight Taliban in streets

By ASIF SHAHZAD
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani security forces fought street battles with Taliban militants in the Swat Valley's main urban center Saturday, a critical phase in the effort to wrest the northwest region near Afghanistan out of insurgent hands.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas warned that the operation in Mingora town could be "painfully slow," noting some 10,000 to 20,000 civilians are still trapped there. The fight also could prove a major test for a military more geared toward conventional warfare on plains than bloody urban battles.

The military operation in Swat and surrounding districts has strong support from Washington, which wants Pakistan to root out insurgents who use its territory to plan attacks on U.S. troops in Afghanistan. For now, it appears to have broad public support in Pakistan as well.

Abbas said 17 suspected militants had been killed in the past 24 hours of the operation in the valley. He said another major town,

Matta, was cleared of militants. But some 1,500 to 2,000 insurgents remained in Swat — hard-core fighters, he said.

Mingora, which normally has at least 375,000 residents, is a major commercial center for the valley and a place the military had prepared to enter for several days.

"The terrorists are going to use [civilians] as human shields. They are going to make them hostage, so we are moving very carefully," Abbas said. "The pace of the operation will be painfully slow. So keep patient. But the operation has started and, God willing, we are going to take it to the logical conclusion."

The military says about 1,100 suspected insurgents have died so far in the month-old offensive. It has not given any tally of civilian deaths, and it's unclear how it is separating the deaths of civilians from militants. Residents fleeing the region have reported dozens of civilian Pakistanis killed in the fight.

Abbas also said no civilians were killed during the operation in Matta. Information provided by the military and civilians is

nearly impossible to verify independently because of limited access to the region.

The offensive also has triggered an exodus of nearly 1.9 million refugees, more than 160,000 to relief camps. Some fear the generally broad public support for the military campaign could drain away if the refugees' plight worsens or if the army gets bogged down too long.



SAAED SHAH/MCT

Pakistan's Swat Valley is seen Friday from a Pakistani helicopter.

Swat Valley looks intact from the air

By SAEED SHAH
McClatchy Newspapers

KHWAZAKHELA, Pakistan — From the window of a Pakistani army helicopter, the Swat Valley looked serene and inviting, not at all like a battlefield in the country's self-described fight for survival against Taliban extremists.

Accounts from some of the 1.5 million refugees who've fled Swat have painted a picture of destroyed villages and burning countryside under massive Pakistani army bombardment. Two weeks into the offensive, however, the military felt confident enough Friday to take foreign reporters on a guided tour of Swat to refute those claims.

A helicopter flight along the vast Swat valley, the site of the government's stand against a brutal Islamist militia that had overrun the northwestern district, seemed to support the military's contention that it's been waging a counterinsurgency operation, not a massive offensive to level the place.

Swat's fruit orchards, wheat fields, forested hills and neat little towns appeared mostly unscathed.

At Baine Baba Ziarat, a hilltop near the town of Khwazakhele in upper Swat that was captured from the Taliban two days earlier, a panoramic view of the valley revealed little sign of active engagement.

Aside from occasional distant rumblings, apparently fire from a helicopter gunship, there was

no sign of fighter jet sorties or artillery fire, no smoke rising from towns or hillside hideouts, and little to signify that a war was on against thousands of heavily armed and battle-hardened guerrillas.

Several areas said to be still under Taliban control could be seen, including the towns of Charbagh and Mingora, the resort of Malam Jabba and, far off, the Peochar valley, the epicenter of the extremists in Swat.

"Civilian collateral damage is very, very low, not even in double figures," said Maj. Gen. Sajjad Ghani, who's leading the army operation in the northern half of Swat, referring to the civilian death toll in the area under his command. "We don't use air force, artillery, mortars on built-up areas."

The military account, however, is at odds with the stories told by residents who escaped the war zone, who had tales of the army shelling houses and streets and whole families being wiped out. Patients from Swat at the nearest major hospital outside the battle area, in the town of Mardan, suggested a civilian toll many times greater than the army thinks.

In Matta, the biggest town in Swat so far to be cleared of extremists, the army said, it hadn't damaged a single home. From the air, Matta looked intact, and coming just ahead of a planned assault on the Taliban in Mingora, the major town in Swat, where thousands of civilians are thought to remain, the army underlined its significance.

"Matta was the first town cleared by an infantry operation. It's a test case," said Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, the army's chief spokesman, who accompanied reporters. "But zero collateral damage can never be achieved."

The army said that it had surrounded the Taliban in their remaining major strongholds, including Mingora and Peochar. Ghani pledged to move troops to the rescue of towns in the far north of Swat shortly. "It's just a question of days," he said.

On Friday, townspeople from Bahrain in the north of Swat staged a protest march to the nearest army post about six miles away, near Madyan, demanding that the army provide food or allow the population to flee.

83 tons of poppy seeds seized in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL — International and Afghan forces have killed 60 militants and seized 102 tons of opium poppy seeds, drugs and chemicals during a four-day operation in southern Afghanistan, the U.S. military said Saturday.

It was one of the biggest drug seizures by foreign troops in Afghanistan since their arrival in 2001, the military said.

The attack "severely disrupted one of the key militant and criminal operations and narcotics hubs in southern Afghanistan," the military said in a statement.

The forces seized 83 tons of poppy seeds, along with tar opium, processed morphine, processed heroin and hashish, it said. They also captured hundreds of gallons of chemicals used to process heroin.

The military said the accounting was its final tally of deaths and seizures in the fighting that started May 19 in the city of Marjah in Helmand province. U.S. forces issued a number of updates during the fighting, raising the militant death toll and the amount of drugs and materials captured. The Defense Ministry also backed the figures, along with a provincial spokesman, Dawood Ahmadi.

Western officials have warned for years that booming drug production in southern Afghanistan, where the insurgency is strongest and the government weakest, is funding the Taliban's war.

Meanwhile, Britain's Defense Ministry said one of its servicemen was fatally shot while on patrol in another part of Helmand on Friday, while a NATO serviceman died in Uruzgan province when a helicopter made an emergency landing. The crash was not caused by insurgents, the international coalition said, but gave no further details.

In Ghazni province a group of Taliban

fighters ambushed police in a market early Saturday and one civilian was killed in the firefight, deputy provincial police Chief Abdul Ghazni said.

The Taliban have taken back control of large areas of southern Afghanistan in the past three years, reversing much of the gains won by international forces in the 2001 offensive that toppled the hard-line regime from power.

About 21,000 additional U.S. troops are arriving in Afghanistan — mainly in the south — as part of President Barack Obama's plan to turn back the resurgent militants.

Shipping out



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

A paratrooper with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division carries his belongings after his unit handed over their base in central Baghdad to the Iraqi security forces on Friday. Under an agreement with the Iraqi government, all U.S. combat troops must leave Iraqi cities for garrisons outside the towns by the June 30.

2 Americans killed inside Green Zone

By CHELSEA J. CARTER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Two Americans have been killed in separate incidents inside Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, U.S. and Iraqi officials said Saturday, raising concerns about its security as Iraq's forces assume more control over the sprawling district.

The body of an American contractor was found Friday in a vehicle in the Green Zone, and a contractor was killed by a rocket attack that night near the American Embassy, a U.S. military official said.

The two deaths come as the Iraqi government has begun tearing down the protective blast walls surrounding the Green Zone, which houses a number of government ministries as well as the American Embassy.

Iraq assumed control of the zone under a U.S.-Iraqi security pact that took effect Jan. 1. The U.S. continues to provide its own security in key areas, such as near the embassy and at the small military base inside.

Iraqi police officers discovered the body of the slain American in a parked car and notified the U.S. military, an Iraqi military official told The Associated Press. He did not have further de-

tails on the killing. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

The U.S. military would not comment on a Washington Post report Saturday that the man had been bound, blindfolded and stabbed multiple times. The newspaper quoted a U.S. official familiar with the investigation into the killing. The paper did not identify the official by name because, it said, he was not authorized to release the information.

The Iraqi official also would not comment on the newspaper's report.

The victim's brother identified him as Jim Kitterman, 60, of Houston. Kitterman was president of Janus Construction, a small company based in the Green Zone and had worked in Iraq for about six years.

Kitterman's brother, Cliff, said he was notified Friday by the government but did not want to talk about any details he had been given about his brother's death.

The U.S. military would not confirm the identity or release details about the killing while the investigation was under way.

The second American was killed when a rocket struck the Green Zone on Friday night, military spokesman Maj. Jose A. Lopez said.

Navy tweaks uniforms

By LISA M. NOVAK
Stars and Stripes

Changes to Navy uniforms were announced Wednesday in a fleet-wide message from the chief of naval operations, Adm. Gary Roughead.

What's in: Junior sailors (E-6 and below) who are pregnant can wear the senior enlisted and officer khaki maternity blouse with the winter blue maternity slacks or skirt.

A new maternity top is in the works for both junior and senior servicemembers, expected to be ready next year.

What's out: Sailors are no longer authorized to wear the Air Force Space badge.

The designation has been reclassified by

the Air Force as a warfare device, which individuals must qualify for in order to wear on the uniform. Navy officials say the ability to qualify for the designation isn't available to Navy personnel.

What's on the way: New "designer" physical training uniforms. The Navy is wear-testing two PT uniforms and will decide which will make the cut as mandatory uniform items by 2011.

Meanwhile, a new optional PT uniform consisting of shirt and shorts is expected to be in uniform shops this winter. Navy officials have not said who will manufacture the new PT uniform, only saying it will be made by a brand name company.

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Experts call for common sense on summer safety

By CINDY FISHER
Stars and Stripes

OKINAWA — A little common sense can go a long way toward preventing the accidents and injuries common during summer, military safety experts on Okinawa say.

From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, the most common preventable injuries seen at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on Camp Lester are heat stress and heat stroke, said Randall L. Stallings, the hospital's safety manager.

The key is to stay hydrated and pay attention to the flag conditions, a heat index system that lets people know what type of exercise is safe on a given day, safety inspector Jai Wu said.

You should also pay attention to your body for signs of heat stress, such as nausea, headache or dizziness. If any of those occur, stop exercising and drink water, Stallings said.

Those new to the Pacific region should give themselves time to acclimate to the high humidity, he said.

Outdoors, people should always wear sunscreen, even on a cloudy day, said Shizuka Panarella, a hospital safety inspector.

For those headed to the beach, Stallings urges common sense when drinking alcohol. Remember to drink water to stay hydrated. However, don't go into the water after drinking alcohol, he said, as judgment will be impaired.

A lot of accidents can happen around the home, too, said Camp Foster-based Shawn Curtis, safety expert for Marine Corps Bases Japan.

When mowing the yard, first clear the lawn of rocks, twigs and other matter that could be slung from the mower, he said.

"Rocks can shoot out of a lawn mower like a bullet," Curtis said.

Barbecuing is another popular summer activity, and grilling safety tips include never leaving a grill unattended and keeping children away from the cooking area, Curtis said.

Only use approved lighter fluid to start

Heat warnings

Green Flag: Temperatures are between 80 and 84.9 degrees. Most physical activity is acceptable, but use discretion when planning heavy exercise if you are new to the Pacific.

Yellow Flag: Temperatures are between 85 and 87.9 degrees. Avoid holding outdoor classes. New personnel will not participate in heavy exercise during their first three weeks in the area.

Red Flag: Temperatures are between 88 and 89.9 degrees. No heavy exercise for any personnel who have been in the area for less than 12 weeks. Those who are acclimatized may continue limited activity for no more than six hours a day.

Black Flag: Temperatures are above 90 degrees. Outdoor physical activity for all nonessential personnel is suspended.

SOURCE: U.S. Marine Corps

grills, Curtis said. Do not use fluids such as gasoline or WD-40, something that troops have done in the past, Curtis said.

During summer, people are outside more, which increases the likelihood of meeting wildlife, Curtis and Stallings said.

On Okinawa alone, there are many poisonous animals, such as four species of habu snakes, blue-ringed octopus, lionfish, sea snakes, cone shells, marine catfish, crown-of-thorns stars, stingrays and box jellyfish.

The best guideline is to simply leave the wildlife alone, safety experts agreed. Even dead creatures may still be able to poison you, Panarella warned.

If bitten by something that could be poisonous, the best thing to do is stay calm and immediately seek medical attention, Stallings said.

Being safe this summer is "about using good judgment and common sense," Curtis said.

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Safety experts plan to reward caution

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Safety experts will be watching you this summer.

And if they catch you, you may be rewarded for your common-sense safety practices, said Shawn Curtis, safety expert for Marine Corps Bases Japan.

Throughout the critical days of summer, Marine safety officials will randomly patrol Marine bases on Okinawa looking for individuals who are working and playing with safety

in mind, he said.

Those found acting safely will be rewarded with coupons for free food or movie passes at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities, he said. For example, a child wearing a helmet while riding a bike in a housing area or a servicemember correctly using a ladder to trim tree branches could receive a coupon, Curtis said.

— Cindy Fisher

IN THE WORLD

Ex-president's suicide shocks South Koreans

By JEAN H. LEE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — Former South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun — whose hard-won reputation as a corruption fighter was tarnished by bribery allegations that drew in his family and closest associates — jumped to his death Saturday while hiking in the mountains behind his rural home. He was 62.

After leaving his family a suicide note, Roh threw himself off a cliff around 6:40 a.m., police and lawyer Moon Jae-in said in the southern port city of Busan.

"I'm indebted to too many people. Too many people are suffering because of me," Roh wrote in the note left on his computer. "Don't be sorry; don't blame anybody. It's destiny." He asked to be cremated and that a small gravestone be erected in his

hometown.

A self-taught lawyer who lifted himself out of poverty to reach the nation's highest office in 2003, Roh had prided himself on being a "clean" politician in a country with a long history of corruption. Recent allegations that he accepted \$6 million in bribes from a Seoul businessman were deeply troubling to the ex-leader.

"I have no face to show to the people. I am sorry for disappointing you," an emotional Roh said last month before turning himself over to Seoul prosecutors who grilled him for 13 hours about the allegations.

His suicide — the first in South Korea by an ex-president — stunned the nation. South Koreans nationwide huddled around TV screens watching news broadcasts. Supporters flooded his Web site with condolences.

"I was utterly shocked," said



YONHAP, CHOI BYUNG-GIL/AP

A coffin carrying ex-President Roh Moo-hyun arrives Saturday at Roh's hometown in Gimhae, South Korea. Roh Moo-hyun was shamed by a corruption scandal that tarnished his image, some said.

Chun Soon-im, 63, of Seoul. "They say 'hate the sin but not the sinner,' and that's how I feel."

Roh denied the bribery allegations against him during questioning April 30 and May 1, prosecution spokesman Cho Eun-sok said.

His supporters claimed the probe was politically motivated by conservative opponents. But several of his former aides and

associates also have been questioned as part of the probe into Park, who was indicted in December on separate bribery and tax evasion charges. Justice Minister Kim Kyung-han declared the investigation into Roh closed.

President Lee Myung-bak said the former president's "sad and tragic" death was "truly hard to believe," spokesman Lee Dongkwan said.

Passer-by pushes suicidal man

BEIJING — Chen Fuchao, a man heavily in debt, had been contemplating suicide on a bridge in southern China for hours when a passer-by came up, shook his hand — and pushed him off.

Chen fell 26 feet onto a partially inflated emergency air cushion laid out by authorities and survived, suffering spine and elbow injuries, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday.

The passer-by, Lai Jian-sheng, had been fed up with what he called Chen's "selfish activity," Xinhua said.

"I pushed him off because jumpers like Chen are very selfish. Their action violates a lot of public interest," Lai was quoted as saying by Xinhua. "They do not really dare to kill themselves. Instead, they just want to raise the relevant government authorities' attention to their appeals."

Xinhua said Lai, 66, was "taken away by police" but did not elaborate.

According to Xinhua, Chen wanted to kill himself because he had accrued \$290,000 in debt from a failed construction project.

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IN THE STATES

GM borrows \$4B more from U.S. Treasury

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. said Friday that it has borrowed an additional \$4 billion from the Treasury Department, meaning the automaker has now accepted \$19.4 billion in loans from the U.S. government.

GM started taking government money in December and said it intended to borrow \$2.6 billion more by June 1 and an additional \$9 billion after that. But in a regulatory filing Friday, GM said it needed \$1.4 billion sooner than originally forecast.

The company didn't publicly disclose how it will use the money but said it provided the information to Treasury officials, and they considered the loan acceptable.

"We appreciate President Obama's and his administration's ongoing support of GM and the domestic U.S. auto industry as we undertake the difficult but necessary actions to reinvent our company," the company said in a written statement.

GM said it now expects to need \$7.6 billion in loans after June 1.

GM has until then to complete restructuring plans that satisfy the government's auto task force, or else it will be forced to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The automaker has been scrambling to cut labor costs, reduce its debt, shed dealerships and brands, and close excess factories.

The company recently reached cost-cutting deals with Canadian and U.S. unions that still have to be ratified by members, but GM's unsecured bondholders have resisted an offer to take a 10 percent stake in the company to wipe out \$27 billion in debt. They say that's too small a stake for the amount they are owed.

Analysts have said it's highly unlikely GM will get 90 percent of its bondholders to agree to the offer, which is what the government is requiring.

In addition to the \$19.4 billion that GM has directly borrowed from the government, its financial arm, GMAC Financial Services, has received \$12.5 billion in aid, plus GM received a \$1 billion loan to buy more equity in GMAC.

The government is also setting aside money to cover GM's expected warranty costs as part of a program to assure car buyers that their warranties will be honored regardless of what happens to the automaker.



U.S.-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi, right, is greeted as she arrives at Dulles International Airport in Washington on Friday after spending 100 days in an Iranian prison on charges of espionage.

LUIS M. ALVAREZ
AP

Journalist returns to U.S.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An American journalist who spent four months in an Iranian prison was greeted Friday afternoon with cheers and hugs from friends as she returned to the United States.

Roxana Saberi told reporters upon her arrival that singing the national anthem helped keep her going. "And it may sound corny, but I'm so happy to be home in the land of the free."

The 32-year-old freelance journalist spoke briefly with reporters after arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport with her parents and a family friend. She spent a week in Vienna recuperating after being released from prison in Iran and said she felt "very good."

"I wish I could personally thank all those who supported me during my 100 days in prison," she said.

Among those she thanked were President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, North Dakota lawmakers, human rights groups and the Japanese government.

Saberi, who grew up in Fargo, N.D., and moved to Iran six years ago, has dual citizenship.

She planned to spend a few days in the capital before returning to her home state of North Dakota, according to Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.

Saberi was arrested in late January and convicted of spying for the U.S. in a closed-door trial that her Iranian-born father said lasted only 15 minutes.

She was freed May 11 and reunited with her parents, who had come to Iran to seek her release, after an appeals court reduced her sentence to two years suspended.

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YOUR MONEY

After clampdown, credit cards may hike fees

BY MADLEN READ
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New rules for credit card companies will clamp down on when they can hike interest rates and force them to spell out their terms in plain English. But opening your monthly statement could still be a dizzying experience.

The wide variety of fees that card issuers charge — balance transfer fees, foreign transaction fees, annual fees — will probably keep climbing as banks try to make up for lost revenue, analysts say.

"Banks are very creative," said Philipp Schnabl, an assistant finance professor at New York University's Stern School of Business. "They need to make money."

Among other changes, the rules, expected to be signed into law Friday by President Barack Obama, will force card issuers to wait until customers are 60 days behind on payments before raising their interest rates.

Lenders would be required to restore the lower rate if cardholders paid their

minimum balances on time for six months. The rules will also make it more difficult for people under 21 to get cards.

Once the regulations go into effect next year, customers will get to choose between being charged a fee for going over their credit limits, or simply not being able to exceed those limits at all.

But the host of other fees will remain unrestricted, as long as they are clearly disclosed to customers. Many card lenders have already hiked fees over the past several months, and probably will go further, said Bill Hardekopf, CEO of Lowcards.com, which tracks credit card offers.

"The fees are still a wide open game," he said.

Balance transfer and cash advance fees are typically 2 percent or 3 percent, but a few card issuers have recently raised them to 4 percent.

Another fee that's becoming more popular is the foreign transaction fee, which cardholders incur if they buy goods from a foreign retailer. That includes people vacationing anywhere outside the U.S., driving

up the costs of a trip overseas.

This year, Discover Financial Services added a 2 percent fee for transactions made in foreign currencies. And Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. will charge 3 percent on all transactions outside the U.S., even those made in dollars.

Credit cards are lucrative for banks. Last year, even after issuers cut back offers and credit lines, they pulled in \$169 billion from credit cards, industry consultant Robert K. Hammer says. About 60 percent of that was interest, 40 percent fees.

Already, the windows of time for introductory interest rates are shrinking, Hardekopf said. Offers of zero percent for 12 months "are still out there, but they're a lot fewer and farther between," he said.

Industry analysts are also watching to see whether card companies make up lost revenue by trimming benefits, like cash back for purchases and airline miles. Citigroup has already put a three-year expiration date on its rewards points and warned its customers more changes could be on the way.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

An unintended result of President Barack Obama's new credit card measure may be higher fees.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,277.32	-14.81	-1.8	-5.69	-33.67
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,005.79	-12.06	-4.0	-15.02	-41.58
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	329.28	+2.10	+0.64	-11.19	-36.01
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,789.62	+9.08	+0.16	+5.57	-37.85
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,535.11	+12.43	+0.82	+9.84	-35.27
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,692.01	-3.24	-0.19	+7.29	-30.79
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	887.00	-1.33	-0.15	-1.80	-35.53
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	551.28	-2.81	-0.51	+2.42	-35.79
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,068.60	-16.48	-0.18	-2.20	-35.01
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	477.62	-3.60	-0.75	-4.37	-34.04

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BiOfam	4697592	11.07	-0.34
GmMotr	2471927	1.43	-0.49
DirFinBarr	1784034	5.56	+1.15
SPDR	1552600	89.02	-0.19
DirFinBull	1426618	8.78	-0.28
Citigrp	1287772	3.67	-0.05
AmnInGp	1033556	1.70	-0.10
RegionsF	985754	4.04	-0.06
SPDR Fnd	939904	11.66	-0.08
WellsFargo	568877	24.31	-0.73

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PSCrudeD	187811	3.72	+0.05
Hemisphr	144732	1.29	-0.17
EldorId g	35532	9.40	+0.20
NthgM g	29418	2.07	+0.06
GoldSt g	24367	2.08	+0.07
NwGoId g	22693	2.42	+0.02
GrBasi g	17497	1.52	-0.02
CFDca g	13018	12.32	+0.13
AbdAsPac	10946	5.43	+0.03
US Gold	10764	2.12	-0.05

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	782633	33.54	+1.1
DryShps	513485	6.63	-0.41
Intel	439732	15.05	-0.13
Microsoft	371749	19.75	-0.07
Cisco	330211	17.90	-0.20
FifthThrd	261100	6.89	-0.06
BrcdCom	257567	7.15	+0.02
Oracle	242489	18.65	+0.08
Symantec	193946	14.19	-0.68
Yahoo	188083	14.98	+1.11

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	19	85.55	+3.0	+2
Boeing	1.68	15	42.94	-0.35	+6
Computer Sciences	...	5	39.76	-0.19	+13.1
General Dynamics	1.52	9	55.70	...	-3.3
General Electric	4.0	8	13.10	-0.14	-19.1
Halliburton	3.6	14	21.30	-0.04	+17.2
Harris Corp.	1.20	13	30.23	-0.14	-16.0
Allied Signal	0.81	19	32.10	+0.28	-2.2
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	71.89	+0.52	-2.6
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	81.44	-0.04	-3.1
Northrop	1.72	...	48.03	-0.11	+6.6
Raytheon	1.24	10	43.47	-0.21	-14.8
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	10	30.49	+0.02	-5.4
Texas Instruments	4.4	19	18.50	+0.54	+19.2
Textron Inc.	0.8	8	11.21	+0.18	-19.2
United Technologies	1.54	11	51.04	+0.28	-4.8

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	52.33	-0.20	+6.9
Fidelity Spartan: EoIdXlnv	31.47	-0.05	-0.7
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.80	-0.03	+1.7
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	12.85	-0.02	-2.2
Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	26.20	+0.16	+4.5
Fidelity Invest: AMRC50	11.71	+0.07	+8.7
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.11	+0.01	+4.6
Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	9.48	...	+1.5
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.14	-0.03	+4.6
AIM Investments A: Const p	16.60	+0.04	-1.4
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	22.02	...	+8.5
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.28	-0.01	+3.3
Fidelity Advisor T: EdInT	16.60	-0.05	-1.7
Fidelity Advisor T: GroOpt	21.17	-0.06	+11.2
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	36.69	+0.17	+5.9
Putnam Funds A: GIBEqty p	6.62	+0.03	+3.9
Lord Abbett A: DevGTA p	11.83	+0.04	+11.5
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.75	+0.10	+2.4
DWS Invest S: CorpBInc	9.74	-0.01	+2.5

Need more school aid? Never hurts to ask

BY STEVE ROSEN

McClatchy Newspapers

Your daughter may be holding an admission ticket to her dream college, but the school came up short in one key area — financial aid. Making matters worse, you recently were downsized out of your job.

Is it worth the time and trouble to appeal for more money, or do you move on to your daughter's second choice?

You never know unless you ask.

There's really no downside risk in trying to negotiate a better deal, but there's plenty of upside. Financial aid experts say money is still available to help plug gaps, and the success rate on appeals is good, especially at private schools that have more discretion over loans and grants.

"It's not mission impossible," said Kalmen Chany, a college counselor and author of the The Princeton Review's "Paying for College Without Going Broke."

Colleges and universities are being inundated with appeals for more financial assistance from

"Ask for additional assistance, help or financial aid. Never ask for more money or a scholarship ..."

Reece Aresty

Financial aid expert

cash-strapped families dealing with the darkest economy in decades.

Changing financial circumstances since you filled out federal financial aid forms — a layoff, a pay cut, divorce, or extraordinary medical expenses — are more likely to help your cause with the school rather than a nebulous request for more money because your stock portfolio tanked, said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, a college financing Web site.

The best way to craft a successful appeal is to start at the schools' Web site so you'll understand how the process works.

For example, make sure you're

approaching the correct department, Kantrowitz said.

"Awards based on academic merit usually come from the admissions office or the president's office," Kantrowitz said. "The financial aid office is focused on need-based aid."

State your case in a brief, factual letter, document any changes in your financial circumstances, and include any independent, third-party correspondence, for example, from an unemployment office or human resources department that can verify your claims.

Be reasonable in your request for assistance, and be tactful in how you make your pitch, said financial-aid expert Reece Aresty of College Assistance Inc. It's not necessarily what you say, but how you say it.

"Ask for additional assistance, help or financial aid," he said. "Never ask for more money or a scholarship, and don't ask for every single thing [in your request for a review]."

Keep in mind there are no appeals beyond the financial aid office — so it pays to be polite.

STARS AND STRIPES

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FACES

'Management' star Steve Zahn: a hardworking slacker

By ELLEN MCCARTHY
The Washington Post

Steve Zahn was at his farmhouse in Kentucky when he received a script about a hapless Arizona man who works at his parents' second-rate motel and wants to touch the butt of a pretty guest on a business trip.

"It was one of the better scripts I've ever read," he recalls. "I was truly floored by it."

And that was even before Zahn learned the butt in question would belong to Jennifer Aniston.

In fact, by the time that bit of news came along, Zahn had already flown to Los Angeles to meet with the indie flick's producers and inform them that "I thought they should hire me. ... I pleaded my case."

quirky films and oddball characters: "Happy, Texas" (1999), in which he played an ex-con disguised as a gay beauty pageant consultant, Eddie Murphy's sidekick in "Daddy Day Care" four years later. And now, 15 years after his big break in that first slacker classic, he is back at the corner of directionless and lost — this time with a sapped bank account and dad forever barking at him to clean the scum off the motel pool.

"People always ask, 'Do you ever get pigeonholed?' And yeah, of course, everybody does — and what a great thing to be pigeonholed in this business," Zahn says of his flaky-guy roles. "But

very manly, grown-up, responsible thing to do," Zahn says. "In our society now, a naive is considered dumb, and I don't necessarily consider that dumb. I am, in a lot of ways, naive about things that maybe I shouldn't be. But I find ... peace in that — in that I don't worry about things that I don't really have control over."

Before shooting began, Zahn says, he, Aniston and the rest of the cast had "the luxury" of a week to rehearse and get to know one another.

"Boy, that just worked," he says. "By the time we finished rehearsal, we were very happy. I think all of us were very excited and knew that it was going to work, at least on the level of our chemistry or whatever."

His life in Kentucky is very low-key and centered on his two kids with wife Robyn Peterman, daughter of the catalog magnate J. Peterman. Before moving there five years ago, they lived for a decade on a New Jersey farm an hour outside New York.

If he's missing out on anything by not living on one of the coasts, Zahn doesn't know about it — and thus, it doesn't bother him. "I don't think living in a city or reading certain magazines and keeping up on the Internet makes you a better actor. It might make you a better producer," he says, before adding that he doesn't have ambitions beyond acting. "I'm content with acting. I really find it challeng-

"People always ask, 'Do you ever get pigeonholed?' And yeah, of course, everybody does — and what a great thing to be pigeonholed in this business," Zahn says of his flaky-guy roles. "But in the same breath it's like, you know, this stoned sidekick which used to be funny is now sad."

It worked, and when he heard that Aniston would be the leading lady, "I was thrilled," he says, "and thought she was perfect for it."

The two have worked together before, as any "Friends" acolyte will recall. Zahn played Phoebe Buffay's ice-dancing husband, Duncan, on exactly one episode.

It has been that kind of career for Zahn, a Minnesota native who decided he wanted to be a professional actor during college but "didn't really know the first step," he explains by phone from a New York hotel the morning of the "Management" premiere.

But a lack of pedigree or planning didn't hold him back long. He landed a professional stage show at 19 and made his film debut seven years later when Ben Stiller cast him as Wynona Ryder's gay friend, Sammy, in 1994's "Reality Bites."

It has since been a string of



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Actress Jennifer Aniston and actor Steve Zahn attend the premiere of "Management" during the Toronto International Film Festival. "It was one of the better scripts I've ever read," he said. "I was truly floored by it."

ing and fun. ... It's not like I'm lacking some entertainment or need some new challenges, like 'I'm going to produce, direct and choreograph a musical that I'm writing!'"

And making "Management" was a particularly satisfying experience.

"It was really one of those gigs that was just an absolute blast. I couldn't wait to go to work. I laughed so hard, and at the same time we really felt like we were doing it right," he says. "And then to see it in the final (version) ... it was just the cherry on top."

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Link to the past?

berg Research Institute in Frankfurt, Germany.

The fossil is the best preserved ever found for a primate, said Jorn Hurum of the University of Oslo Natural History Museum. It's about 95 percent complete, even including fingertips with nails, and lacks only the lower portion of one leg, Hurum said. It also includes gut contents, showing the creature ate leaves and fruit in its rainforest environment.

Experts not connected with the discovery said they questioned the conclusions of Hurum and his colleagues about how closely it is related to ancestors of monkeys and humans. "I actually don't think it's terribly close to the common ancestral line of monkeys, apes and people," said K. Christopher Beard of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. "I would say it's about as far away as you can get from that line and still be a primate."

John Fleagle of the State University of New York at Stony Brook said the scientists' analysis provides only "a pretty weak link" between the new creature and higher primates, called anthropoids, that includes monkeys and man. "It doesn't really tell us much about anthropoid origins, quite frankly," Fleagle said.

The animal was a juvenile female that scientists believe died at about 9 or 10 months.

"She tells so many stories. We have just started the research on this fabulous specimen," said Hurum.

The fossil, recovered from a mine about 25 miles southeast of Frankfurt, is nicknamed Ida after Hurum's 6-year-old daughter. Its scientific name is *Darwinius masillae*, after Charles Darwin and the area where it was found.

The fossil was unearthed by a private collector in 1983 and remained in private hands until Hurum's museum bought it in 2007.

Fossil creates stir, but experts doubt it shows monkey-human roots

The Associated Press

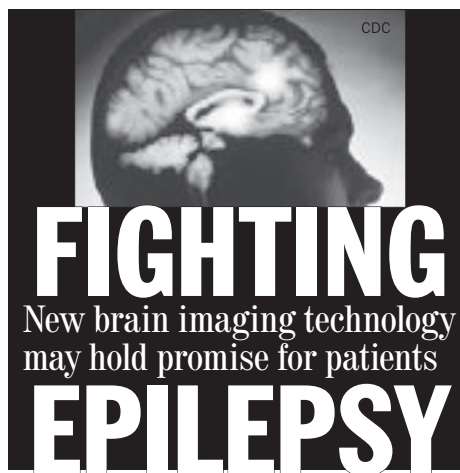
NEW YORK — The nearly complete and preserved skeleton of a small creature believed to be 47 million years old was displayed recently by scientists who said it would help illuminate the evolutionary roots of monkeys, apes and humans.

About the size of a small cat, the animal has four legs and a long tail. Nobody is claiming that it's a direct ancestor of monkeys and humans, but it provides a good indication of what a long-ago ancestor may have looked like, researchers said at a news conference.

In an evolutionary sense, the fossil is like an aunt from several generations ago, said Jens Franzen of the Sencken-

Jorn Hurum, right, speaks to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg about the fossilized remains of a creature believed to be 47 million years old during a news conference at the American Museum of Natural History in New York

PHOTOS BY MARY ALTAFFER/AP



By JOHN FAUBER

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MCT

MILWAUKEE — With 25 percent of his brain already gone, Clint Galster sat in a vaultlike room as doctors tried to figure out whether more brain tissue could be taken out.

Inside the enclosure, Galster sat nestled in a large white machine with a reclining seat and a headpiece that looks like it might dry hair at a salon. For more than an hour, Froedtert Hospital personnel used the device to monitor and record the inner workings of his brain.

If Galster was lucky, the \$3 million machine would find areas of abnormal electrical activity that later could be removed by a surgeon. Not so lucky, and the 34-year-old would continue to be plagued by seizures.

Galster — who had a brain operation as a teenager and another surgery eight years ago to have a nerve stimulator implanted under his collarbone and who now takes four epilepsy drugs a day — is on the forefront of a technology that might make it easier for people with epilepsy and their doctors to decide whether they can benefit from brain surgery.

Magnetoencephalography, or MEG, is an emerging method that is being used in a variety of studies, ranging from finding better ways to diagnose Alzheimer's disease to looking at what happens in the brains of people who stutter or suffer from Tourette syndrome. Research suggests that whole-brain MEG recordings might someday be used to categorize people as healthy or suffering from conditions such as multiple sclerosis, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's or chronic alcoholism, said Frederick Langheim, a neuroscientist and psychiatry resident at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. One of its most promising applications is epilepsy.

Often in epilepsy cases, patients must undergo pre-surgery in which part of the skull is removed and electrodes temporarily are placed on the surface of the brain to look for seizure-producing areas. It is hoped that MEG will eliminate the need for the surgical diagnosis in many patients,

said Susumu Sato, a physician and researcher with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The technique looks for electrical currents and the magnetic fields produced by brain cells. All electrical currents produce magnetic fields, but with brain cells, magnetic activity is minuscule — it has been compared to trying to hear an ant's footsteps at a rock concert. One of the advantages to MEG over other imaging techniques is that it can monitor brain activity over a period of milliseconds, as opposed to a second or more with magnetic resonance imaging. And MEG looks at electrical and magnetic activity of brain cells, while MRIs measure blood flow and oxygen used by brain cells.

That's important because with epileptic seizures, the abnormal activity of a group of neurons may fire in unison, producing a synchronized spike that can be picked up by MEG. The trick is detecting those spots in the brain and determining whether they can be removed without causing damage to other important areas such as those controlling movement or vision.

Tracking neural response to bad choices is monkey business

Monkeys are capable of having "coulda, woulda, shoulda" thoughts of regret and learning from their mistakes, scientists have reported.

In a study in the journal *Science*, Duke University Medical Center researchers described an experiment in which they taught rhesus monkeys to play a game similar to the TV show "Deal or No Deal." The monkeys had to choose the one "correct" square out of eight to win a sip of cherry juice. If they chose incorrectly, researchers revealed the container of juice they missed out on, much as the models on "Deal or No Deal" open a suitcase and show the contestant the money he lost.

While the monkeys played, the researchers

monitored neurons in the monkeys' anterior cingulate cortex, a region of the brain associated with emotional responses and decision-making. The neurons fired when the monkey saw the big glass of juice — whether it had won it or not.

Those neurological responses affected the monkeys' future behavior. If a monkey missed out on a big reward, it was more likely to switch to a new target in the next round of the game, according to Ben Hayden, the study's lead author. Researchers concluded that, like people, monkeys are more likely to gamble when they see they could have won big by gambling in the past.

The Washington Post



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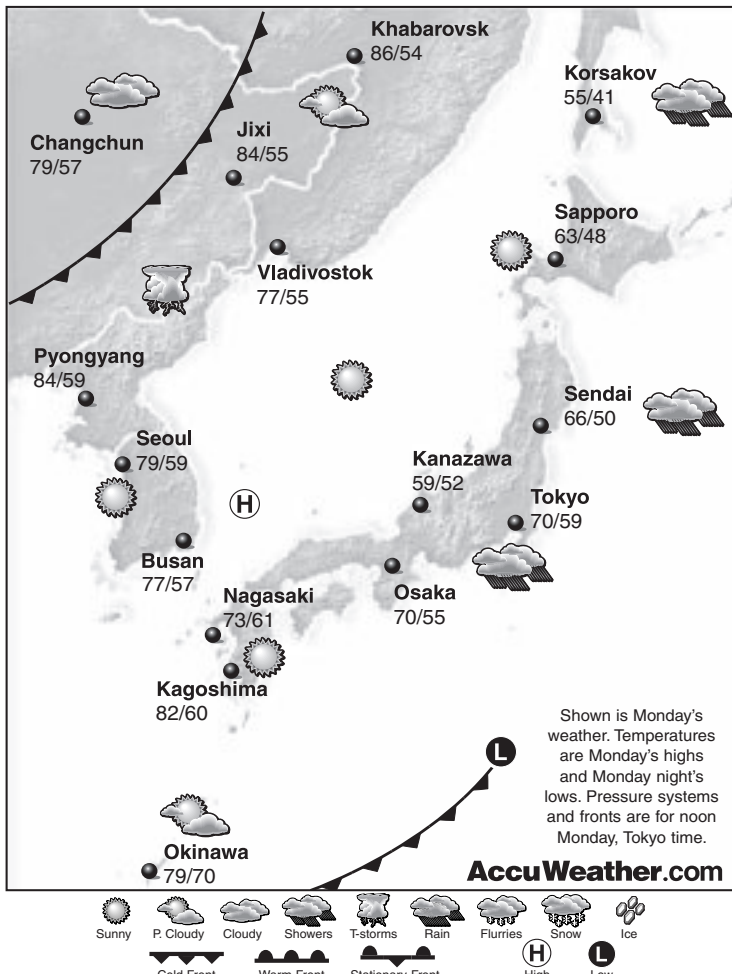
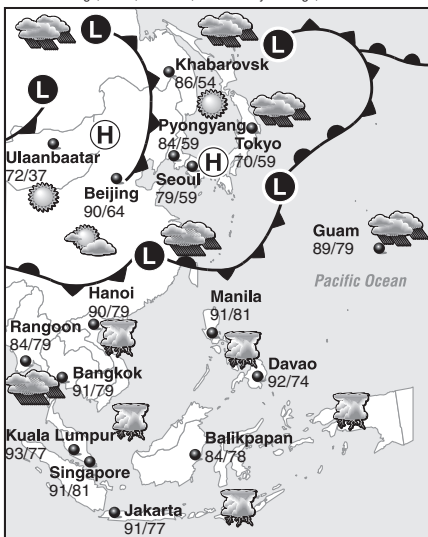
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Japan				
Yokosuka	4:13 a.m.	11:17 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	11:38 p.m.
Sasebo	8:17 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	9:37 p.m.	2:53 p.m.
Naha	6:56 a.m.	1:08 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
Hachinohe	2:12 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	9:32 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	11:18 a.m.	6:23 a.m.	11:49 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
Kunsan	3:50 a.m.	10:48 a.m.	3:59 p.m.	10:49 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	6:51 a.m.	1:54 a.m.	9:32 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Location	Tuesday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	4:51 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	7:07 p.m.	none
Sasebo	9:01 a.m.	3:28 a.m.	10:27 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Naha	7:39 a.m.	1:52 a.m.	9:12 p.m.	2:32 p.m.
Hachinohe	2:51 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	10:11 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	12:00 p.m.	7:17 a.m.	none	6:56 p.m.
Kunsan	4:37 a.m.	11:34 a.m.	4:47 p.m.	11:35 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	7:34 a.m.	2:46 a.m.	10:26 p.m.	3:04 p.m.

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CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	66	48	Shwr
Edmonton	70	44	PCldy
Halifax	57	37	Sun
Iqaluit	40	29	PCldy
Montreal	61	38	Sun
Ottawa	59	41	Sun
Quebec	57	34	Sun
Regina	75	45	Cldy
Toronto	63	45	PCldy
Vancouver	67	51	PCldy
Whitehorse	65	40	Shwr
Winnipeg	68	48	PCldy
Yellowknife	66	46	Cldy
Winnipeg	49	28	Sun

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	73	59	Tstm
Athens	89	75	PCldy
Belgrade	87	65	Sun
Berlin	79	61	Sun
Brussels	77	55	Tstm
Dublin	61	41	PCldy
Glasgow	58	42	PCldy
Lisbon	70	59	Sun
London	75	52	Rain
Madrid	79	52	PCldy
Moscow	54	42	Rain
Paris	74	50	PCldy
Rome	86	57	PCldy
Warsaw	68	48	PCldy

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	90	67	PCldy
Baghdad	103	68	Sun
Cairo	91	69	Sun
Dhahran	116	85	Sun
Islamabad	113	73	PCldy
Indirlik	85	67	Sun
Kabul	89	50	Sun
Kandahar	107	68	Sun
Karachi	94	52	Sun
Kuwait	115	92	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	104	71	PCldy
Tehran	91	67	Sun
Tel Aviv	77	67	Sun
Zahedan	95	70	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	88	74	Tstm
Algiers	84	57	Sun
Cape Town	64	50	Cldy
Durban	70	58	Sun
Freetown	75	62	Sun
Kano	91	73	Sun
Khartoum	100	74	PCldy
Kisumu	108	79	Sun
Kisumu	83	66	Cldy
Luanda	83	72	Sun
Malakal	88	69	PCldy
Mogadishu	86	75	Shwr
Tabora	84	61	Sun
Timbuktu	114	79	Sun

LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	73	PCldy
Bogota	66	47	Shwr
Buenos Aires	64	50	PCldy
Cancun	90	73	PCldy
Havana	88	67	Tstm
Kingston	87	79	Tstm
Lima	76	59	Sun
Mexico City	78	51	PCldy
Nassau	89	77	Sun
Puerto Plata	87	77	PCldy
Rio de Janeiro	84	71	Sun
Santiago	64	43	Cldy
Santo Domingo	85	73	Rain
San Jose	77	68	Rain

ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	58	52	Rain
Colombo	85	78	Rain
Darwin	89	67	Sun
Dhaka	93	83	Rain
Hong Kong	84	77	Tstm
Kathmandu	95	67	Sun
Melbourne	67	52	Shwr
Mumbai	91	81	Sun
New Delhi	106	84	Tstm
Phnom Penh	93	79	Tstm
Shanghai	77	68	Cldy
Sydney	68	55	Cldy
Taipei	80	75	Rain
Xining	80	56	PCldy

MONDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	88	64	PCldy
Akron, OH	71	51	Cldy
Albany, NY	72	42	Sun
Albuquerque	81	57	Tstm
Allentown, PA	74	50	PCldy
Amarillo	81	58	PCldy
Anchorage	66	48	Sun
Asheville	78	61	Tstm
Atlanta	81	66	PCldy
Atlantic City	74	54	Tstm
Austin	91	68	PCldy
Baltimore	76	58	Tstm
Baton Rouge	83	69	Tstm
Billings	70	51	Cldy
Birmingham	81	68	Cldy
Bismarck	66	48	Tstm
Boise	82	54	Sun
Boston	69	48	Sun
Bridgeport	73	49	PCldy
Brownsville	97	77	Sun
Buffalo	69	44	PCldy
Burlington	63	37	PCldy
Caribou, ME	55	30	PCldy
Casper	66	41	Tstm
Charleston, SC	81	66	Tstm
Charlottesville, VA	77	61	Tstm
Charlotte, NC	83	64	Tstm
Chattanooga	82	65	PCldy
Cheyenne	63	45	Tstm
Chicago	67	49	Cldy
Cincinnati	71	58	Tstm
Cleveland	66	51	PCldy

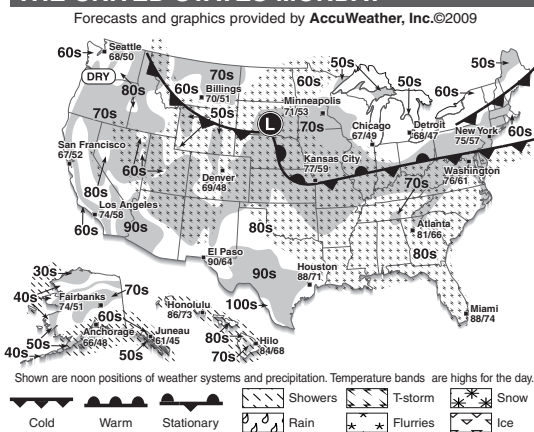
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Colorado Sprgs.	73	49	Tstm
Columbia, SC	83	66	Tstm
Columbus, GA	85	68	PCldy
Columbus, OH	72	55	Tstm
Concord, NH	72	53	Sun
Corpus Christi	92	73	Sun
Dallas	86	67	Tstm
Dayton	70	56	Tstm
Daytona Beach	84	68	Tstm
Denver	69	48	Tstm
Des Moines	74	55	Tstm
Detroit	68	47	PCldy
Duluth	61	42	Tstm
El Paso	90	64	Sun
Elkins	73	57	Tstm
Erie	65	49	PCldy
Eugene	74	45	Sun
Evansville	77	65	Tstm
Fairbanks	74	51	Sun
Fargo	68	52	Tstm
Flagstaff	68	40	Tstm
Fort Smith	70	43	PCldy
Fort Wayne	76	64	Tstm
Fresno	90	62	Sun
Goodland	78	54	Sun
Grand Junction	75	53	Tstm
Grand Rapids	88	45	Cldy
Great Falls	74	46	PCldy
Green Bay	69	42	PCldy
Greensboro, NC	82	62	Tstm
Harrisburg	73	54	Tstm

City	Hi	Lo	W
Hartford	77	42	PCldy
Helena	76	47	Cldy
Honolulu	86	73	Sun
Houston	88	71	Tstm
Huntsville	81	67	PCldy
Indianapolis	69	55	Tstm
Jackson, MS	83	67	Tstm
Jacksonville	83	67	Tstm
Juneau	61	45	Shwr
Kansas City	77	59	Tstm
Key West	87	77	PCldy
Knoxville	80	65	Tstm
Lake Charles	85	70	Tstm
Lansing	69	46	PCldy
Las Vegas	95	72	Sun
Lexington	77	65	Tstm
Lincoln	78	56	Tstm
Little Rock	80	66	Tstm
Los Angeles	74	58	PCldy
Louisville	78	64	Tstm
Lubbock	87	61	Sun
Madison	84	67	Tstm
Medford	84	50	Sun
Memphis	82	69	Tstm
Miami	88	74	Tstm
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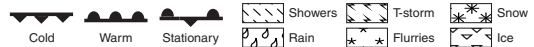
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New Orleans	83	70	Tstm
New York City	75	57	PCldy
Newark	75	55	PCldy
Norfolk	81	64	PCldy
North Platte	73	53	Tstm
Oklahoma City	83	62	Tstm
Omaha	79	60	Tstm
Oracland	87	69	Tstm
Paducah	79	67	Tstm
Pendleton	83	50	Sun
Peoria	71	55	Tstm
Philadelphia	77	58	Tstm
Phoenix	97	73	Sun
Pittsburgh	74	54	Tstm
Pocatello	70	43	PCldy
Portland, ME	74	53	Sun
Portland, OR	74	53	Sun
Pueblo	81	52	Tstm
Raleigh	84	63	Tstm
Rapid City	68	47	Tstm
Reno	82	55	Sun
Richmond	82	63	Tstm
Roanoke	78	62	Tstm
Rochester	66	41	Sun
Rockford	69	49	Cldy
Sacramento	88	57	Tstm
St. Louis	74	62	Tstm
St. Thomas	86	79	PCldy
Salem, OR	73	48	Sun
Salt Lake City	71	53	Tstm
San Angelo	92	64	Sun

City	Hi	Lo	W
San Antonio	91	71	PCldy
San Diego	67	60	PCldy
San Francisco	67	52	PCldy
San Jose	76	55	Sun
San Juan, PR	89	76	Shwr
Santa Fe	77	49	Tstm
St. Ste. Marie	65	40	Sun
Savannah	83	67	Tstm
Seattle	68	50	PCldy
Shreveport	86	67	Tstm
Sioux City	79	59	Tstm
Sioux Falls	77	56	Tstm
South Bend	66	52	PCldy
Spokane	80	62	Sun
Springfield, IL	71	58	Tstm
Springfield, MO	73	61	Tstm
Syracuse	68	39	Sun
Tallahassee	84	68	Tstm
Tampa	86	72	PCldy
Toledo	66	48	Cldy
Topeka	75	60	Tstm
Tucson	93	66	Sun
Tulsa	79	62	Tstm
Tupelo	83	67	Tstm
Waco	89	67	Tstm
Washington, DC	76	61	Tstm
W. Palm Beach	87	72	Tstm
Wichita	76	61	Tstm
Wichita Falls	84	64	Tstm
Wilkes-Barre	72	44	PCldy
Wilmington, DE	74	55	Tstm
Yakima	84	50	Sun

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Abortion ends possibilities

Ah, abortion — like gun control, religion,
etc., a very divisive issue ("Focus on safety,
not stigmas," letter, May 19). I try not to
get too emotionally involved, but I do have
some thoughts on this.The letter writer is obviously pro-choice,
and she has a right to voice her opinion. My
only problem with that is the fetus does not
have a say in the matter. The fetus has to
rely on pro-lifers to speak and act on his
or her behalf, as he or she has no voice, or
"choice."Numerous studies talk about fetus "vi-
ability," when does it become a "real per-
son," with both sides defending their views.
Is this used to justify possibly saving/tak-
ing a human life? Just wondering.What if the letter writer had been abort-
ed, or me or you?It's also interesting to note that the newly
anointed "savior of the Free World" is pro-
choice. What if he had been aborted?Marco A. Gamez
Stuttgart, Germany

'Just make it safer' is illogical

Regarding "Focus on safety, not stig-
mas": The basis of the writer's argument
seems to be, "It's going to happen anyway,
so let's keep it legal but make it safer."So, if I am to follow her logic, we should
also make heroin use legal, let's just make
it safer. And what about drunken driving?
It's going to keep happening, so let's make
it legal, but we should change the focus on
how to make it safer.

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person who suffers is the unborn child, the
one person without a voice. Our country
spends millions of dollars on drug preven-
tion programs. We spend money to help
prevent drunken driving, but it seems to
be taboo to preach abstinence. We would
rather focus on what to do after the act
has already occurred. When we talk about
drug abuse or drunken driving, someone
"might" get hurt, and we do everything we
can to prevent that. But in the case of abor-
tion, the baby is guaranteed to get killed,the one voice who does not have rights or
a choice.Capt. Tim Scarioano
Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

How the powerful prevail

The adoption community completely
identifies with Tom Scocca's "Inquiring
minds want to know ... how best to keep
tabs on public figures" (Perspectives, May
17). For decades the adoption community
has asked lawmakers to remove secrecy
from adoption, but to no avail. Sadly, no one
will report the real reason adoption reform
does not progress. That is, too many power-
ful men, to include politicians and priests,
will be revealed as birth fathers. The tradi-
tional media will not touch this.Scocca's statement, "This gap between
what the media know (or suspect they
know) and what gets reported can be an
invitation to recklessness to those who es-
cape exposure," rings true. If there was
transparency and the public was informed,
these powerful men would not be harming
the adoption process, obstructing justice
and quieting the mainstream media.Perhaps the National Enquirer will in-
spire the "reputable" media with this one:
"Catholic priest murders ex-lover before she
can reveal to the public that he fa-
thered her child who was surrendered for
adoption." It might sound far-fetched, but
the adoption community knows all too well
that the definition of news is what someone
wants suppressed.Capt. Peter W. Franklin
Al Asad, Iraq

Cleaning the slime inside Parliament

BY DALE McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News ServiceJohn Trevor, wherever his soul may be,
must be feeling a little bit less lonely
in the sweep of history. In 1695 he was
forced out as speaker of the British House
of Commons for accepting a bribe and for
314 long years he was the only speaker to
be ousted. Until this past week.On Tuesday, the current speaker, Mi-
chael Martin, announced that he too would
leave in disgrace. He committed no crime
but he was guilty of making himself look
bad and most of the other 645 members of
the House look really, really bad.Martin had led a valiant five-year fight
to block disclosure of the members' ex-
pense accounts and once they started be-
coming public we found out why. The MPs
had ruthlessly exploited, plundered, really,
what was meant to be a modest program to
help them bear the expense of maintaining
two residences.The members fleeced the taxpayers, not
just for their housing, but for dog food, ma-
nure, toilet seats, cleaning services, light
bulbs and the workers to screw them in,
wisteria removal, a massage chair, instal-
lation of a mock Tudor beam and my per-

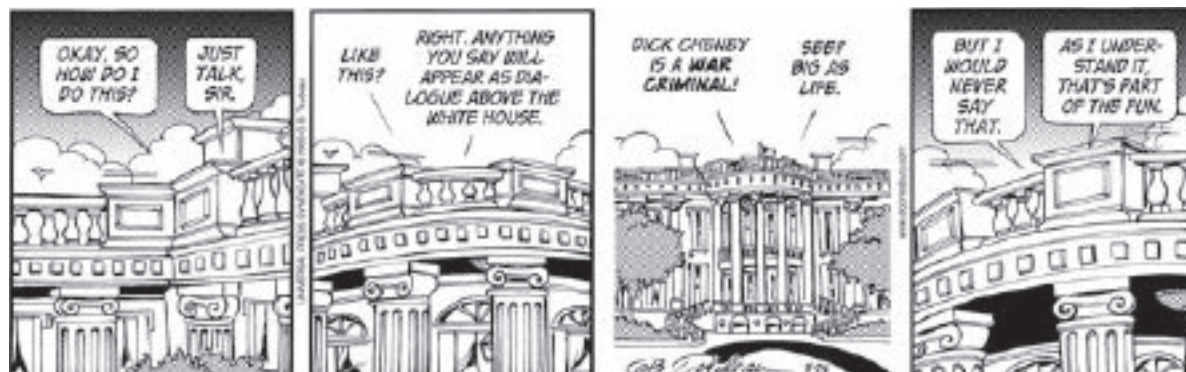
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Parliament member Andrew MacKay
faces the media in London on May 14
after he quit as parliamentary aide to
Conservative Party leader David Cameron
over what the party said was an
"unacceptable" expenses claim.sonal favorite, \$3,300 to clean the slime
from the moat around the ancestral home.
And you and I both know how hard it is to
find reliable slime cleaners.One MP, one of several, continued to
charge for his monthly mortgage even
though the mortgage had been paid off. He
said it had slipped his mind — for 18 months
the husband and wife MP duo charged for
both their homes, one under his allowance,

the other under hers. ...

The British press seemed momentarily
diverted by the novelty of a government
scandal that didn't involve sex. Under the
clubby rules of Parliament, none of this is
really illegal, but once the newspapers got
involved — and how could you not have fun
with this story? — the British public was
outraged. The depth of a recession is not
when you want to be discovered decorating
your country home at taxpayer expense.This scandal may have been a career-
killer for Prime Minister Gordon Brown,
who was in trouble anyway in next year's
election — assuming he survives that long.
It has already a number of MPs, including
some rising stars, out of leadership posts
and some out of Parliament altogether.It's generally admitted that the Brit-
ish do sex scandals better, and seemingly
more often, than [the United States], but we
thought we were unrivaled in money scan-
dals — Abscam, Duke Cunningham, Jack
Abramoff. But, really, an illicit golf outing
with a lobbyist simply can't hold a candle
to ripping off the taxpayers to clean your
moat. Not that we want to give our mem-
bers of Congress ideas, mind you.Dale McFeathers is a Scripps Howard columnist
and editorial writer.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Take this epic chance to thrive in Epoch B

In his masterful commencement speech at Notre Dame, President Barack Obama took his campaign theme of change to a whole new level, telling the graduates — and the rest of us — that we find ourselves at “a rare inflection point in history where the size and scope of the challenges before us require that we remake our world to renew its promise.”

Arianna Huffington



So, as we stand at this inflection point and gradually move from what Jonas Salk called Epoch A (our survival-focused past) to Epoch B (our meaning-focused future), we have to ask ourselves what this remade world will look like — and what steps we need to take to get there.

At Notre Dame, Obama offered a devastating teardown of Epoch A and its “economy that left millions behind even before this crisis hit — an economy where greed and short-term thinking were too often rewarded at the expense of fairness, and diligence, and an honest day’s work.”

The problem, according to the president: “Too many of us view life only through the lens of immediate self-interest and crass materialism; in which the world is necessarily a zero-sum game. The strong too often dominate the weak, and too many of those with wealth and power find all manner of justification for their own privilege in the face of poverty and injustice.”

The president should e-mail his speech to Wall Street. And while he’s at it, he should also blast it out to the people running the giant pharmaceutical companies, the ones who knowingly allow deadly drugs to remain on the shelves; to the people running chemical plants releasing deadly toxins into the water and air; to the factory farmers filling our food with steroids and additives; to the dentists exposed for trading their Hippocratic oath for profit by performing unnecessary surgeries on children.

And he should definitely send it to the credit card companies, which, faced with customers choking on debt and forced to use their credit cards to pay for essentials like food and medical care, respond by jacking up interest rates and tacking on penalties and fees. Even as credit card defaults reached record levels last month.

As we move to Epoch B, we need to ask ourselves: Do we want to continue living in a world where banks can gouge their customers with sky-high interest rates?

The Senate seems to think so. On May 13 it voted down a measure introduced by Bernie Sanders that would cap interest rates at 15 percent. And it wasn’t even close. Sanders’ amendment only got 33 votes, with 22 Democrats joining those who voted against the interests of their constituents (a shout out to Sen. Charles Grassley, the lone Republican to vote for the amendment).

“When banks are charging 30 percent interest rates, they are not making credit available,” said Sanders. “They are engaged in loan sharking.” Also known as usury.

Up until the late 1970s, America’s laws [kept] interest rates in check. Then, in 1979, a Supreme Court ruling allowed banks to charge the top interest rate allowed by the state where a bank is incorporated as opposed to the borrower’s home state. Hoping to lure banks’ business, states

like South Dakota and Delaware repealed their usury laws — and off we went.

That same year, Congress passed the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act, which, among other things, allowed federally chartered savings banks and loan companies to charge any interest rates they chose — putting us on the path that led us to today, where banks routinely gouge their most vulnerable customers.

According to Elizabeth Warren, credit card companies “have switched from the notion of ‘I’ll lend you money because I think you’ll be able to repay and we’ll find a reasonable rate for doing that’ over to a tricks and traps model. ... The job is to trick people and trap them and that’s how you boost profits.”

This profit-uber-alles mindset is why the banking industry, looking at the world through what Obama described as the “lens of immediate self-interest and crass materialism,” fought tooth and nail against the new credit card reform law. Although, to hear the bankers’ lobbyists tell it, all they really want is what is best for the consumer.

“It is vitally important for policymakers to get the right balance of better consumer protection while not jeopardizing access to credit and the credit markets,” said Ken Clayton of the American Bankers Association. “We are very worried that the Senate bill fails to achieve this balance, to the detriment of American consumers.”

Yes, I’m sure they are losing a lot of sleep worrying about American consumers. But the problem for most consumers isn’t getting access to credit cards (see the endless credit card come-ons clogging our mailboxes). It’s being hammered with 36 percent interest rates for missing a single payment or bombarded with a never-ending array of fees (lenders raked in more than \$18 billion on penalties and fees alone in 2007). ...

As the Huffington Post’s Ryan Grim reported, Obama was much more involved with the credit card bill than he was with anti-foreclosure legislation. But, given the impassioned case he made at Notre Dame and his call to “align our deepest values and commitments to the demands of a new age,” he should take it one step further and throw his weight behind Sanders’ effort to limit usurious interest rates.

Just because it didn’t pass doesn’t mean it’s dead. History is filled with causes that took many battles before they were victorious (women’s suffrage, the Voting Rights Act, the Clean Air Act, the American with Disabilities Act, etc., etc., etc.). ...

The moment to act is now. Inflection points in history don’t come along very often.

No words matter if abortion still legal

How about for next year’s graduation ceremony Notre Dame have an abortionist perform an abortion live on stage? They could have a partial-birth abortion for the advanced degrees.

According to liberals, the right to kill babies was enshrined by the Founding Fathers in our Constitution — and other constitutional rights are celebrated in public.

Ann Coulter



The right to bear arms is honored in 21-gun salutes, turkey shoots, Civil War reenactments, firearms demonstrations and, occasionally, at Phil Spector’s house.

The right to petition the government for redress of grievances is celebrated at political rallies, tea parties, marches, protests and whenever Keith Olbermann has a fight with his cat.

The free exercise clause is observed in church services, missionary work, peyote-smoking Indian rituals, and for a few days after every time Bill Clinton gets caught having an extramarital affair.

So instead of inviting a constitutional lawyer to yammer on about this purported constitutional right, why not show it being practiced?

How about a 21-vacuum hose (D&C) salute? Maybe have the Notre Dame marching band form a giant skull-piercing fork? How about having the president throw out the ceremonial first fetus, like on opening day in baseball? I’m just brainstorming here, folks — none of this is written in stone.

Being such a prestigious institution, Notre Dame could probably get famed partial-birth abortion practitioner George Tiller to do the demonstration at next year’s graduation. President Barack Obama could help — inasmuch as Tiller is a close friend of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

This is a “constitutional right” like no other.

Even its supporters are embarrassed by the exercise of this right. They won’t practice the right in public — they won’t even call abortion by its name, preferring to use a string of constantly changing euphemisms, such as “reproductive health” and “choice.”

It would be as if gun owners refused to use the word “gun” and the NRA’s motto were, “Let’s all work together to keep hunting safe, legal and rare.”

Liberals were awestruck by Obama’s statesmanlike speech at Notre Dame, but whatever he says about abortion is frothy

nonsense because we’re not allowed to vote on abortion policy in America. If it’s a “constitutional right,” we can no more vote on abortion than we could vote on free speech.

With Roe v. Wade, abortion supporters ripped the issue out of the democratic process — limb from limb, you might say — and declared their desired outcome a “constitutional right.” They have hysterically defended that lawless decision for the last quarter-century.

All of Obama’s soothing words about joining hands and not demonizing one another are just blather as long as that legal monstrosity remains the law of the land.

Showing his open-mindedness, Obama asked, “How does each of us remain firm in our principles ... without demonizing those with just as strongly held convictions on the other side?” (*What do I have to do to get you murderers and you nonmurderers to shake hands and be friends?*)

A good start would be letting us vote.

Liberals can be all sweet reason as long as their preference for abortion on demand is lyingly called a “constitutional right,” immutable to the tiniest alteration by the voters.

In the minuscule areas where abortion policy can be affected, Obama has shown his passion for compromise by always taking the most extreme pro-abortion position.

On his third day in office, Obama overturned the “Mexico City Policy,” which prohibited U.S. taxpayer money from being spent on overseas organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.

Obama has filled his administration with Planned Parenthood veterans and friends of partial-birth abortionists.

As an Illinois state senator in 2002-2003, Obama repeatedly blocked and voted against the “Born Alive Act,” which would have allowed doctors to give medical care to babies who somehow survived abortions and remained alive, wholly apart from their mothers.

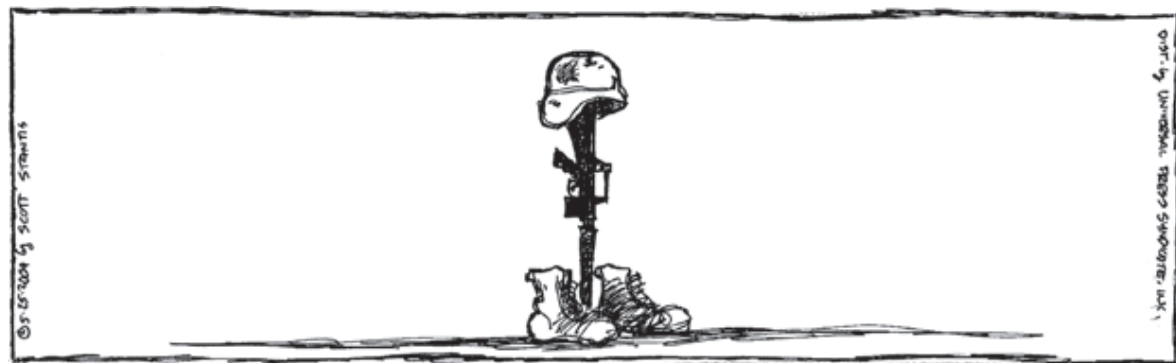
Even the extremist National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League declined to take a position on the bill. The same bill in the U.S. Senate passed unanimously — and that means that abortion-happy nutcake Barbara Boxer voted for it.

But Obama apparently thought it was important to affirm a woman’s critical right to fourth-trimester abortions.

Here’s my idea for how we can “live together as one human family,” as Obama proposed at Notre Dame: Go ahead, demonize pro-lifers, Obama — call us “right-wing ideologues.” But just once, support one little policy that will save a single unborn child.

Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS



Water issue leaves lawmakers all wet

UT SALT LAKE CITY — As Utah legislators slashed hundreds of millions of dollars to balance the state budget, lawmakers held on to one perk for themselves and thirsty state workers who survived the cuts: bottled water.

An Associated Press review of state finance records shows that Utah state agencies, excluding public colleges and universities, have spent more than \$220,000 on bottled water since July.

While it's only a small portion of the \$5.1 billion in state funds budgeted for this fiscal year, it's more than twice as much as the governor earns a year, and scores of programs have seen smaller amounts than that cut from their budgets in the past year.

Men allegedly had kids in cars while racing

NY NEW YORK — Two fathers in their 20s have been accused of drag racing on a New York City highway while their very young children sat in the back.

Westchester County police say Bronx residents Edwin Garcia and Harlen Baez were seen weaving their cars through traffic at speeds of up to 80 miles-an-hour on the Bronx River Parkway.

An officer says there were two children in each car ranging in age from an infant to a 6-year-old. Their mothers sat in the front seat.

Police charged the drivers with illegal speed contest, reckless driving and endangering the welfare of a child.

Police find mom, teen who fled court order

SC COLUMBIA — A 555-pound South Carolina teen who disappeared with his mother after she was accused of neglecting his health was found with her at a laundry in Baltimore, authorities said.

Paramedics checked Alexander Draper, 14, before turning him over to the Maryland Department of Social Services, police said.

His mother, 49-year-old Jerri Gray, was arrested on a charge of violating a custody order, police said. South Carolina officials plan to pursue her extradition back to the state.

Authorities said the teen was at a "stage of critical health risk," but wouldn't provide details about his medical condition beyond his weight, said Greenville County Sheriff's Lt. Shea Smith.

Officials are making arrangements to bring the boy back to South Carolina, Smith said.

Death of voter negates one-vote victory

NY OGDENSBURG — A northern New York school district must hold a special election to fill an open seat on its board after the death of an absentee voter left the race tied.

It appeared candidate Vicky Peo had defeated John Wilson, the Og-



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densburg school board president, by a single vote in.

But district officials discounted Franklin Bouche's absentee ballot, leaving the contest tied at 388 votes.

Bouche, Peo's brother-in-law, died just before election day.

School district lawyer Andrew Silver says state education law invalidates an absentee ballot cast by a voter who isn't alive on the day of an election.

Bank robber foiled by pair who tackled him

VA HERNDON — Fairfax County Police say two men tackled and subdued a masked, armed man trying to rob a Herndon bank.

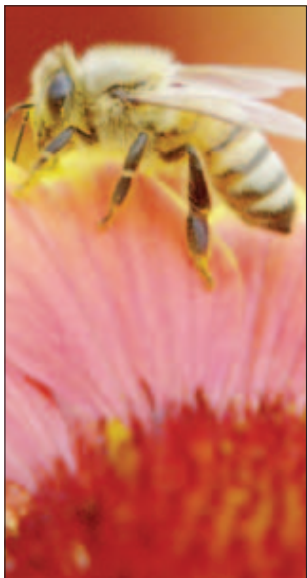
The man walked up to the counter in a BB&T Bank branch, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery.

Police spokeswoman Officer Tawny Wright says one man confronted the armed man and another man joined the struggle. Police say the pair held the robber down until officers arrived.

Police declined to say whether the two men were customers, employees or guards or why they challenged an armed man.

The men were treated for minor injuries.

Police are investigating whether the robber is the suspect in eight bank holdups since November.



Being a busy bee

A honey bee prepares to fly to the next Indian saddle blanket flower as it feeds off nectar from a garden in Mesilla, N.M.

Alleged Army deserter stopped

MD FREDERICK — Maryland State Police say a Virginia man stopped for not wearing a seat belt was an alleged Army deserter. Police say 25-year-old Douglas Dabney, of Hopewell, Va., was stopped and found to be operating his GMC box truck on a suspended driver's license.

The trooper also found that Dabney had an outstanding warrant from the Defense Department for desertion.

Air Force, state seek 'touch-and-go' runway

HI KONA — The Air Force and Hawaii Air National Guard are renewing efforts to build a shorter runway at Kona International Airport on which C-17 pilots and crews could practice touch-and-go landings and takeoffs.

Paradoxically, the existing 11,000-foot runway is too long to train for operations that would take place on short lengths of pavement. The eight Hawaii-based C-17s now fly to Washington at \$8,000 an hour to practice on a shorter runway there.

The two services want to construct a new \$30 million, 3,900-foot runway, 700 feet from the airport's existing runway.

Men survive cold swim after boat sinks offshore

ME NORTHPORT — Two men whose construction boat sank about a mile off Maine's coast survived what may have been an hourlong swim.

Brandon Drake and Bradford Enos, who work for a drilling company, said they had to swim for it after the boat sank in whitecaps.

The pair, with life jackets but no survival suits, eventually swam ashore in Northport, where they collapsed on a sun-warmed asphalt driveway while awaiting medical help. Curtis Barthel, commanding officer at Coast Guard Station Rockland, told the Bangor Daily News that water temperature in Penobscot Bay was 47 degrees.

Witnesses recall events in controversial shooting

CA OAKLAND — Several witnesses to the fatal train station shooting of an unarmed man testified that the officer accused of killing him looked surprised and shocked after he pulled the trigger.

College student Tommy Cross Jr., who recorded video of the New Year's Day shooting, said former Bay Area Rapid Transit officer Johannes Mehserle "looked up and said, 'Oh, my God! Oh my God!'" after the shot rang out.

Cross was testifying for the prosecution at a hearing to determine whether Mehserle will stand trial for killing Oscar Grant. Grant, 22, was shot on the platform after transit police were called to the station over reports of fighting on the train.

Mehserle has pleaded not guilty and, according to his attorney, intended to grab his stun gun when he accidentally pulled his pistol.



Green government

State employee Jacob Hulker waters one of the many flower beds that adorn the front lawn of the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky.



Bye bye, birdies

The Norco Manufacturing Aviary is a new exhibit at the Racine, Wis., Zoo. Norco Manufacturing, a Racine company that makes aircraft hangar doors, donated the funds for the aviary that recently opened to the public.



Taking Lucky for a swim

Jared Reese takes his dog, Lucky, out for a walk in Holly Hill, Fla. Schools and colleges were closed in Daytona Beach due to access problems from the flooding. A shelter was opened for residents flooded from their homes.



Wacky water

Public school students go for a swim during the Wacky Water Wahoo water safety class at White Water in Oklahoma City.



Meeting Mr. President (sort of)

A wax figure of President Barack Obama is transported to the Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf after arriving on the USS Potomac in San Francisco. The new figure of Obama took about six months and \$15,000 to create.



In-your-face fire safety

Kindergarten students, from left, Elexis Durham, Gavin Skipper and Hannah Gastineau reach out to touch firefighter Joshua McCoy's equipment during career day at Stanford Elementary

School in Stanford, Ky.

Vegas' famous sign now an official landmark

NV LAS VEGAS — The iconic "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign is now officially a piece of national history.

Clark County officials announced that the sign has gained listing on the National Register of Historic Places, to fit with the county's centennial celebration this year.

The National Park Service designation became official on May 1.

The sign cost \$4,000 in 1959 and was designed by Betty Whitehead Willis of Western Neon.

Study: Minority kids arrested more often

NY ALBANY — With data showing black and Hispanic juveniles in New York arrested, detained and confined to custody far more often than whites, state officials are looking for ways to reduce that disproportion.

Data show minority children statewide are arrested almost twice as often as whites, are six times likelier to be detained awaiting trial and are five times likelier to be confined to custody afterward, according to New York's Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The disparity is larger in New York City, where the state Office of Children and Family Services said 6,984 black and 3,966 Hispanic youths were arrested in 2006, compared with 966 white juveniles.

Prison guard arrested in murder-for-hire plot

TX TYLER — Authorities arrested a Texas Department of Criminal Justice guard and his girlfriend in an alleged plot to kill the woman's estranged husband, who thought he and his wife were about to reconcile.

Cathryn Lake, 51, and Rudolph Regalado, 48, were arrested in Tyler on charges of criminal solicitation to commit capital murder. The two were named in indictments that accused them of promising to pay for the murder of Lake's husband.

They were being held at the Smith County Jail on bonds of \$2 million each. It wasn't immediately clear if they had attorneys.

Federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents took Lake and Regalado into custody. ATF Tyler supervisory agent Clay Alexander said the two had met with an undercover officer assigned to an ATF task force and discussed a price for a hit on Lake's husband.

Perseverance leads to arrest in cold case

GA COLUMBUS — A northwest Georgia man has been charged with killing his pregnant wife and his two young children with a bush-ax 24 years ago in a case a detective never gave up trying to solve, authorities said.

Michael Curry, 51, of Dalton, was charged in a Muscogee County grand jury indictment with murder, aggravated assault and feticide and was jailed. He's accused of killing 24-year-old Ann Curry, their 4-year-old daughter, Erika, and 20-month-old son, Ryan, on Aug. 29, 1985, in Columbus.

Curry ran to a neighbor's house screaming, "They killed my wife and kids! Why did they kill my wife and kids?" shortly after arriving home from work that afternoon. He was questioned but never charged.

District Attorney Julia Slater praised Columbus Police Chief Ricky Boren for his perseverance in investigating the bush-ax slayings. A bush-ax is a 10-pound tool with a curved blade used to clear heavy brush.

Lawmaker wants Bush to be waterboarded

RI WESTERLY — A Rhode Island Democratic lawmaker says he'll donate \$100 to charity for every second former President George W. Bush withstands waterboarding.

State Rep. Rod Driver sent letters making the offer to Bush as well as to former Vice President Dick Cheney and ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Bush's administration allowed the interrogation technique, which simulates drowning, to be used on terrorism suspects. Driver says if Bush is confident it isn't torture, he should try it himself. His offer was reported in The Westerly Sun.

Five men killed in boating accident

LA HOUMA — Louisiana officials say five men in town for a fishing tournament died when their 24-foot aluminum boat ran under one end of a barge.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Capt. Samuel Martin says the boat hit the barge but wasn't discovered until the next morning.

Veterans' retirement payback rule suspended

NH CONCORD — After getting a request from New Hampshire's congressional delegation, the government is temporarily suspending a requirement that some veterans repay retirement benefits if they re-enlist.

Members of the military who accept early retirement money but then re-enlist have to repay that money by having it deducted from their pensions.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Rep. Carol Shea-Porter intervened after hearing from a Dover man who was losing more than half his monthly pension check. They sponsored a bill to address what they called an unnecessarily harsh repayment formula and asked the Department of Defense's accounting arm to suspend it.

Cab drivers treated to lunch for their service

NY NEW YORK — If you needed a cab around lunchtime, you might have been be out of luck.

That's because more than 500 New York City taxis were lined up outside a Fifth Avenue steakhouse for free lunches.

Ben & Jack's Steakhouse has teamed up with the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission to host "Taxi Appreciation Day."

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

An eventful connection of Big Daddy Jupiter and Neptune the Mystic near. The conjunction will be exact on Wednesday, though its effects have been brewing since April and will continue into August. It's time to reconcile the religion of your youth with your present awareness of life. You'll be richer for pondering these kinds of issues.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(MAY 25). You make the sacrifices necessary to be successful in love. It may be necessary to cut back on some of your workload in order to have more time to spend with loved ones, but you're willing to do what it takes to make relationships strong. July brings a windfall. A new vista opens to you in September. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is your opinion that everyone is free to have their own opinion — only you don't have to listen to it. You'll be changing the channel even if the views you're exposed to aren't on the television.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll enjoy peace and quiet if you can find it — try the library. Your household has become hectic and you need to get away from it for a while. When you come back, you'll know how to recreate the harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A belief that once made you feel secure is now stifling. What if you could be more without that belief? You'll be inspired to throw off your mental chains in hopes of experiencing a surge of genius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will take physical labor to better your surroundings. All your hard work will pay off. You'll have the respect of your family, the benefit of a pretty environment plus the peace of mind that comes with a good night of sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You refuse to appease the crowd by doing

what they want. But if the thing you want to do makes them happy, too, you both win. So follow your muses, not the chants of your audience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The theme is: All for one and one for all. You'll stand up with someone who cannot stand alone. You will also be helping future souls who find themselves in this position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Reconnecting with someone dear to you is paramount. Turn off the television, the computer and the phone. Focus your attention on the face, voice and emotion of your beloved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're the one who will always try to create precious and beautiful pearls from irritating grains of sand. And now you don't have to try. Good happens naturally without any interference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Who is like you? A few will try, but none will succeed. Even you don't know how you come up with your brilliant, endearing quirks. But they just keep coming now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will finally get a reward that was a long time in coming. Celebrate, but don't rest. You are uniquely equipped to make the most of this. The real work is just beginning. Keep looking ahead so that you do not fall behind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships challenge you. It's critical that you do not go back on your word. It's likely that you don't understand what the other person is doing, but if you gave this person your trust, honor that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you decide who you want to be by determining who you don't want to be. But different strokes for different folks, right? A person who has made choices you don't approve of requires your tolerance.

Holiday Mathis



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Difficulty: Very Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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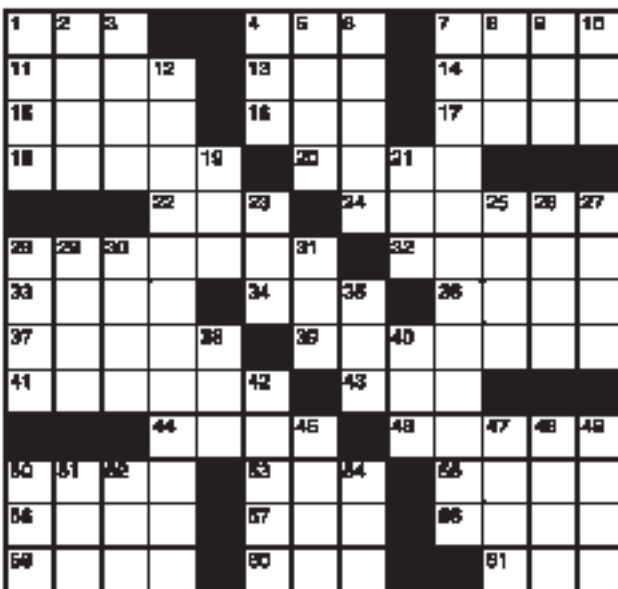
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Eugene Sheffer Crossland



ACROSS

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- 13 Half-asleep then
- 14 First victim
- 15 Ahkenger
- 16 "—whirl"
- 17 57-Across aisle
- 18 Confused
- 20 On pension (Abbe)
- 22 Commotion
- 24 Snapshots
- 28 Automobile framework
- 32 Bring forth
- 33 Shampoo
- 34 Metabolic field
- 36 A Great Lake
- 37 Enola Gay payload
- 39 Units of measure

Winterbourne Inc.

- ## 61 Favorites

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large amounts | 40 Priced |
| 8 Homer | 42 Song of praise |
| 9 Simpson's dad | 48 Layer |
| 9 Sleuth | 47 Ante, maybe |
| 10 Wapiti | 49 Autumn tool |
| 12 Request
for a bribe | 48 Leave out |
| 19 Billboards | 50 Madras |
| 21 Definite article | 51 Meadow |
| 23 Lubricate | 52 Right angle |
| 25 Ripcord | 54 Wrong (Pret.) |

Answer to Previous Puzzle



9.25

CRYPTOQUIP

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PHQQN: "ZI IKH CXN LGGN."
Saturday's Cryptogram: I'M SEEING BABY
GRANDS IN EVERY DIRECTION I HAPPEN TO
TURN MY EYES. WHAT A PIANO-RAMIC VIEW!

Today's Cryptogulp Clue: W scales T

Friend out in cold after marriage

Dear Abby: I am a gay man who has been with my partner for 31 years. I have a female friend, "Josie," whom I have known for years. She holds an executive position in the local bank and must attend many fund-raisers. I have been her escort to many of them. Josie knows and likes my partner, and he has never had a problem with my going to these social events with her.

Recently Josie became engaged, and she is now married. I was invited to the wedding, but my partner was not included on the invitation. I chose not to attend because of it. I have not heard from her since. It has been almost four months.

Josie's husband is a retired military man. I suspect she would rather not let him know about having a gay male couple as friends. Should I confront her or just end the friendship?

— Don't Ask Or Tell in Albuquerque

Dear D.A.O.T.: Have a chat with Josie, lay your cards on the table, and let her do the same. If it's true that she's hiding her "past" and her husband is a narrow-minded homophobe, then you're certainly within your rights to move on. But give her a chance to explain.

Dear Abby: I am a 75-year-old man, and the past two years have been amazing. I met a woman with whom I had graduated from high school. She was also widowed after having been married 40 years. I knew her family back then, but we were just friends.

We are both in good health and enjoy being companions, going to movies, dancing, concerts, etc. I never in my wildest dreams imagined that we would be anything but pals — but fate has a way of changing things. We have fallen in love.

After the life experiences of working, raising a family, losing a spouse and being alone a few years, love this time around is so much different. She loved her husband and I loved my wife, but at this stage of life we have come to appreciate even more deeply the magic of love.

We feel privileged to have this gift. We are young once again. Even our children say we're like two teenagers. Someone once wrote, "Love is a many splendored thing." Those words are true indeed.

— Charles In Michigan

Dear Charles: Some people believe that Cupid's arrow can strike only the young, but your letter shows mature love can be like fine wine in that its fullness and depth improve with age. Congratulations to both of you. I hope you enjoy many more years of happiness together.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.

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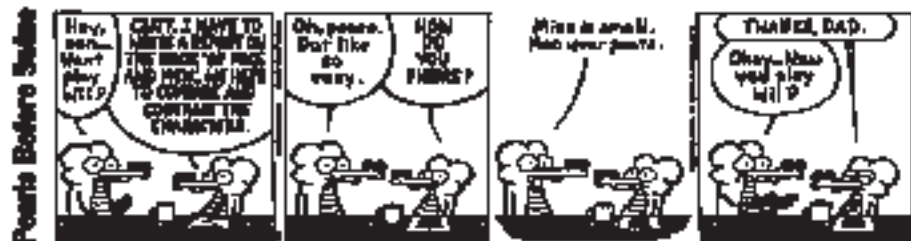
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Ans: TO

Saturday's | **Jumble:** EXUDE TWICE TONGUE BRAZEN
Answer: What the diving instructor did to keep his
 business afloat — "WENT UNDER"

Second Round



AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009									
	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	(8:30) NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Final Game 3 -- Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes.	The Magic School Bus Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	(8:50) Movie "Tootsie" (1982) Dustin Hoffman. An unemployed actor poses as a woman to land a soap role.	Washington Week	Life on the Way	USARJ This Week	The Universe The Milky Way galaxy.	NBA Nation	Sports
9:30				All Hands TV	T.D. Jakes	FNG Useful benefits.		NBA Basketball Western Conference Final Game 3 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (Live)	
10:00		Codename: Kid		Today's Air Force	Love Worth Finding	Fit For Duty	I Shouldn't Be Alive Boulder traps Australian hiker.		
10:30		Archie's Weird Mysteries		The Chris Matthews Show	The Pure Life	Battleground			
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains	Movie "In America" (2002, Drama) Samantha Morton. Irish immigrants try to succeed in New York.	Newsroom	Grand Ole Opry Live	Recon Revisited	Extreme Engineering "Widening the Panama Canal"	SportsCenter	Sports
11:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Fit For Duty			
12:00		Full House		Fox News Watch	At the Movies	Battleground	The Suze Orman Show		
12:30		The Brady Bunch		Larry King Live	The Medal: America's Highest Honor	Today's Air Force		Baseball Tonight	
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Movie "Tarzan II" (2005, Adventure) Voices of Harrison Chad, George Carlin.	Movie "Chocolat" (2000) Juliette Binoche. A single mother opens a chocolate shop in a French village.			All Hands TV	All-Girl Getaways	NBA Fastbreak	
13:30	ESPNNews			Geraldo at Large	America's Most Secret Agency	Recon Revisited	Quick Fix Meals	SportsCenter	
14:00	Washington Week					The American Veteran	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.		
14:30	House Call	(20) Movie "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003) Shia LaBeouf, Nick Spano.	(15) Movie "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003, Romance-Comedy) George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones.	Huckabee	Survivor: Tocantins The final two castaways turn on each other in the tribal council.	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Latent Image"	SportsCenter	Sports
15:00	Entertainers			FOX Report		Battleground	Heroes "Seven Minutes to Midnight"	NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Final Game 3 -- Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes. From the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.	
15:30						Army Newswatch	King of the Hill		
16:00	Life on the Way	Honey We're Killing the Kids "When Dad's Away"		Newsroom	(10) Survivor: Tocantins The castaways reunite.	The Grill Sergeants	That '70s Show	Baseball Tonight	Sports
16:30	T.D. Jakes			Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Sun City Soldier	The King of Queens	NBA Fastbreak	
17:00	Love Worth Finding	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967, Comedy-Drama) Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn.		ESPNNews	Recon	Everybody-Raymond	SportsCenter	
17:30	The Pure Life	The Fairly OddParents			20/20	FNG Useful benefits.	Eli Stone "Help!"		
18:00	Grand Ole Opry Live	Planet Earth "Fresh Water"				Today's Air Force			
18:30						Fit For Duty			
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance Dancers audition.	Movie "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas.	Newsroom	Medium "...About Last Night"	Battleground	Streisand: Live in Concert	NBA Basketball Western Conference Final Game 3 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver.	Sports
19:30	Ebert & Roeper			Week-Pentagon	Kitchen Nightmares "Handlebar"	Recon Revisited			
20:00	The Medal: America's Highest Honor		(05) Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Blythe Danner.	All Hands TV	Headline News	Week-Pentagon	Dr. 90210 "Trans-Parent"		
20:30				Today	Saturday Night Live	National Guard News			
21:00	America's Most Secret Agency	90210 Adrianna tells Naomi about her secret.		CBS News Sunday Morning		Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Burning"	Baseball Tonight	
21:30	Survivor: Tocantins	Touched by an Angel "Beautiful Dreamer"	(05) Movie "After the Sunset" (2004) Salma Hayek			Around the Services	Friends (Part 2 of 2)	MLS Soccer Club Deportivo Chivas USA at Kansas City Wizards. (Taped)	
22:00		Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Brother's Keeper"		Face the Nation		Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars		
22:30									
23:00									
23:30									
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009									
00:00	(10) Survivor: Tocantins	Planet Earth Rivers descend from mountains to the sea.	(11:05) Movie "After the Sunset" (2004) Pierce Brosnan.	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	(11:00) SportsCenter	MLS Soccer
00:30				Meet the Press	NCIS "Once a Hero"	Fit For Duty			Motorcycle Racing Race one, from Valencia, Spain.
1:00	Sports	So You Think You Can Dance Dancers audition.	(12:55) Movie "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995) Steve Martin. Dual pregnancies play havoc with an anxious family man.	America's News HQ	Cold Case "Rampage"	The Benning Report		Baseball Tonight	Motorcycle Racing Race two, from Valencia, Spain.
1:30						The Grill Sergeants		IndyCar Racing Indianapolis 500. The 93rd running of the 500-mile event, from Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live)	Sports
2:00						VA News			
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		90210 Adrianna tells Naomi about her secret.	(2:55) Movie "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.	Newsroom	20/20	Army Newswatch	Prison Break "John Doe"		
3:30				Your Money	Medium "...About Last Night"	FNG Useful benefits.	NUMB3RS "Bones of Contention"		
4:00	NHL Hockey Western Conference Final Game 4 -- Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (Live)	Touched by an Angel "Beautiful Dreamer"	Movie "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family.	America's News HQ	Kitchen Nightmares "Handlebar"	Battleground	Kiana's Flex Appeal	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
4:30		Teletubbies		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Good Morning America	Today's Air Force	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
5:00		Barney & Friends				Recon	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
5:30		Sesame Street		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	USARJ This Week	Paula's Home Cooking		
6:00				FOX Report	Sesame Street	The Grill Sergeants	Cooking for Real		
6:30						Army Newswatch	Living Fresh		
7:00	Sports	Bear in the Big Blue House Blue's Clues	Entertainers	State of the Union With John King	The View	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	ESPNNews	
7:30		Dora the Explorer	The Big Tease	Hannity	Dr. Phil	Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Mad About You	NBA Tip-Off	Sports
8:00		Bob the Builder	Movie "Moulin Rouge" (2001, Musical) Nicole Kidman. A writer shares a bittersweet romance with a night club diva.			Fit For Duty	Living Single	ESPNNews	
8:30		Movie "The Rescuers Down Under" (1990, Adventure) Voices of Bob				FNG Useful benefits.	Guiding Light	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Final Game 3 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout)	
9:00		(10) Hannah Montana	(15) Movie "Roxanne" (1987) Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah. A modern Cyrano helps a shy buddy woo a lovely astronomer.	Newsroom	Judge Alex	This Week in the Pentagon	E! News	Inside the NBA	Sports
9:30		(10) Hannah Montana		Huckabee	Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
10:00		(35) Hannah Montana		Larry King Live	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Menagerie" (Part 1 of 2)		
10:30					Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Roseanne "D-I-V-O-R-C-E"		
11:00	Sports	Hannah Montana	Movie "Legally Blonde" (2003) Reese Witherspoon. A young lawyer fights for animal rights.	60 Minutes	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "Merry Ex-mas"	SportsCenter	
11:30	This Week	(25) Hannah Montana	(25) Movie "Multiplicity" (1996, Comedy) Michael Keaton. Scientifically created duplicates complicate a man's life.	CNN Live	General Hospital	Downrange	The Medal: America's Highest Honor	SportsCenter	
12:00	Meet the Press	(15) Movie "Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour in Disney Digital 3D" (2008)		This Week in the Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	FNG Useful benefits.	Section 60: Arlington National Cemetery	ESPNNews	Sports
12:30		(35) Pokémon		CBS Up to the Minute	Wheel of Fortune	Recon	National Memorial Day Concert (2009)	PGA Tour Golf HP Byron Nelson Championship -- Final Round. From Irving, Texas. (Same-day Tape)	Sports
13:00	Wall Street Journal Report	(40) Zatch Bell	Entertainers	Face the Nation	Jeopardy!	Tour of Duty	That '70s Show		
13:30	ESPNNews	(05) The Fairly OddParents		Newsroom	Wall Street Journal Report	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
14:00	Sesame Street	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	VA News	The Colbert Report		
14:30		Hannah Montana			60 Minutes	Downrange	Army Newswatch		
15:00		The Naked Brothers Band	Movie "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War) Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe, Greg Kinnear. Outnumbered U.S. troops battle the North Vietnamese.	Fox and Friends First		EXchange on Air	Briefing Encore	Pushing Daisies "Robbing Hood"	SportsCenter
15:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody		Today	America's Veterans: A Musical Tribute	Fit For Duty	Fit For Duty	Stargate Atlantis "Outcast"	
16:00	The View	Smallville "Zod"			In Plain Sight "A Fine Meth"	Battleground	Recon		
16:30					The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	The Grill Sergeants			
17:00	Dr. Phil	Everybody Hates Chris	(25) Movie "Taking Chance" (2009, Drama) Kevin Bacon.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Ghost Whisperer Melinda helps a man with amnesia.	Seinfeld "The Bookstore"	The Contender
17:30	Judge Alex	The Cosby Show	(45) Movie "Runaway Jury" (2003, Suspense) John Cusack, Gene Hackman.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Recon Revisited	Friends "Pilot"	Chappelle's Show	
18:00	Everybody Loves Raymond	Degrassi: Next Generation			Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	The Man Show	
18:30	Access Hollywood	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Downrange		Comedy Central Presents	
19:00	Judge Judy	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Halloween III"						Premium Blend	
19:30	The Young and the Restless								
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21:00	General Hospital								
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22:00	Days of our Lives								
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23:00	Oprah Winfrey								
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SCOREBOARD

Correction

Sunday's Far East high school soccer tournament recap should have said Zama American's girls ended a 12-year Far East tournament team title drought, dating back to the girls volleyball championship in 1997.

Sports on AFN

Monday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.-Auto racing: Indianapolis 500.
AFN-Xtra, 2:30 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Boston.
AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.-NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, Detroit at Chicago.
AFN-Sports, 5:30 a.m.-MLB: L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers (joined in progress).
AFN-Xtra, 6:30 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Coca-Cola 600.
AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-MLB: Milwaukee at Minnesota.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.-NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Cleveland at Orlando.
AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.-Auto racing: IndyCar, Indianapolis 500 (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Golf: Byron Nelson Championship, final round (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.-Tennis: French Open, Day 1 (dld).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-MLB: Houston at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-MLB: Atlanta at San Francisco.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: Washington at N.Y. Mets.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.-NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Denver.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels (joined in progress).
AFN-Xtra, 1:30 p.m.-College lacrosse: NCAA tournament, national championship, Syracuse vs. Cornell or Virginia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: San Diego at Arizona (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 4, L.A. Lakers at Denver (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro soccer

MLS									
Eastern Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L
Chicago	3	0	6	15	16	11			
D.C. United	3	1	6	15	17	15			
Kansas City	4	4	2	14	14	12			
Toronto FC	3	3	4	13	13	15			
New England	2	2	4	10	7	13			
New York	2	5	3	9	10	12			
Columbus	1	2	6	9	12	15			
Western Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L
Chivas USA	7	1	2	23	14	5			
Seattle FC	4	2	3	15	12	6			
Colorado	3	2	3	12	11	9			
Houston	3	2	3	12	8	6			
Real Salt Lake	3	5	1	10	14	13			
Los Angeles	1	1	7	10	11	11			
San Jose	1	5	2	5	8	16			
FC Dallas	1	6	2	5	8	16			

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games
New England at Toronto FC
Real Salt Lake at D.C. United
CD Chivas USA at Kansas City
Los Angeles at FC Dallas
San Jose at Houston
Seattle FC at Colorado

Sunday's game
Chicago at New York

WPS									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L
Los Angeles	4	1	2	14	7	2			
Boston	3	2	2	11	9	9			
FC Gold Pride	3	3	1	10	8	8			
Chicago	2	2	2	8	6	4			
Washington	1	2	3	6	10	13			
Saint Louis	1	2	2	5	3	6			
Skyline FC	1	2	2	5	3	6			

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games
Sky Blue FC at Washington
Saint Louis at Chicago

Sunday's games
Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride

Golf

Byron Nelson Championship

PGA Tour Saturday At TPC Four Seasons Resort Irving, Texas Purse: \$6.5 million Yardage: 7,166; Par 70 Third Round			
Rory Sabbatini	68-64-65	-197	-13
John Malling	67-65-65	-197	-13
D.A. Points	68-66-65	-199	-11
Dustin Johnson	68-65-66	-199	-11
Brian Davis	68-65-66	-199	-11
Kevin Streelman	67-69-64	-200	-10
Glen Day	69-66-65	-200	-10
Briny Baird	69-64-67	-200	-10
Marc Leishman	68-70-63	-201	-9
James Nitties	65-68-68	-201	-9
Charley Hoffman	71-66-65	-202	-8
Jeff Maggert	71-66-65	-202	-8
Bryce Molder	68-68-66	-202	-8
George McNeill	69-67-66	-202	-8
Fred Couples	69-66-67	-202	-8
James Driscoll	67-66-69	-202	-8
Mike Weir	66-71-66	-203	-7
Michael Letzig	68-68-67	-203	-7
Scott McCarron	66-69-68	-203	-7
Charles Howell III	66-69-68	-203	-7
Charlie Wi	73-66-64	-203	-7
Nicholas Thompson	73-66-64	-203	-7
Justin Leonard	65-66	-204	-6
Steve Marino	69-69-66	-204	-6
Jonathan Byrd	68-70-66	-204	-6
John Senden	71-68-65	-204	-6
Jesper Parnevik	67-68-69	-204	-6
Robert Allenby	67-67-70	-204	-6
Alex Cejka	69-69-67	-205	-5
J.J. Henry	71-68-66	-205	-5
Robert Garrigus	70-66-69	-205	-5
Brad Adamonis	66-70-69	-205	-5
Y.E. Yang	69-67-69	-205	-5
Danny Lee	69-67-69	-205	-5
Ted Purdy	74-65-66	-205	-5
Kris Blank	68-71-66	-205	-5
Nathan Green	70-69-66	-205	-5
Brian Bateman	69-70-66	-205	-5
Ken Duke	65-69-71	-205	-5
Tommy Armour III	67-71-68	-206	-4
John Rollins	72-66-68	-206	-4
Davis Love III	73-64-69	-206	-4
Vijay Singh	70-71-69	-206	-4
Tim Wilkinson	69-67-70	-206	-4
Greg Chalmers	68-69-69	-206	-4
Hunter Mahan	71-68-67	-206	-4
David Mathis	72-67-67	-206	-4
Colt Knost	67-72-67	-206	-4

Corning Classic

LPGA Tour Friday At Corning Country Club Corning, N.Y. Purse: \$1.5 million Yardage: 223; Par 72 Second Round			
Karine Icher	64-66	-130	-14
Hee-Won Han	65-67	-132	-12
Michelle Kwan	67-67	-134	-10
Seon Hwa Lee	67-67	-134	-10
Na Yeon Choi	66-68	-134	-10
Sarah Kemp	66-68	-134	-10
Sandra Gal	65-69	-134	-10
Soo-Yun Kang	65-69	-134	-10

Senior PGA Championship

Champions Tour Friday At Canterbury Golf Club Beachwood, Ohio Purse: \$2 million Yardage: 6,895; Par 70 Second Round			
Ross Drummond	70-66	-136	-4
Jeff Sluman	70-68	-138	-2
Scott Hoch	66-72	-138	-2
Bernhard Langer	68-70	-138	-2
Toni Purizer	66-72	-138	-2
Larry Mize	69-69	-138	-2
Gil Morgan	71-68	-139	-1
Tom Kite	69-70	-139	-1
Jay Don Blake	70-69	-139	-1
Chris Starkjohann	71-68	-139	-1

BMW PGA Championship

PGA European Tour Saturday At Wentworth Club, West Course Virginia Water, England Purse: \$6.04 million Yardage: 7,320; Par 72 Third Round			
Paul Casey, England	69-67-67	-203	
Rory Kildersen, Denmark	69-69-68	-206	
Soren Kjeldsen, Northern Ireland	72-70-65	-207	
Ross Fisher, England	68-73-67	-208	
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	68-72-68	-208	
Thomas Levet, France	70-71-68	-209	
Stephen Dodd, Wales	71-68-70	-209	
Marc Warren, Scotland	72-66-71	-209	

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College softball

NCAA Division I tournament

SUPER REGIONALS (Best-of-three) Second team seeded is home team At Athens, Ga.			
Thursday	Georgia 6, Ohio State 4		
Friday	Georgia 7, Ohio State 6, Georgia advances		
At Stanford, Calif.			
Thursday	Stanford 6, Arizona 4		
Friday	Arizona 7, Stanford 3		
Friday	Arizona 6, Stanford 5, Arizona advances		
At Tuscaloosa, Ala.			
Friday	Alabama 9, Jacksonville State 0, 5 innings, Alabama leads series 1-0		
Saturday	Alabama 9, Jacksonville State 0, 5 innings, Alabama advances		
At Ann Arbor, Mich.			
Friday	Michigan 8, Baylor 1, Michigan leads series 1-0		
Saturday	Mich. (45-10) vs. Baylor (40-21)		
Saturday	Baylor vs. Michigan*		
At Tempe, Ariz.			
Friday	Arizona State 3, North Dakota State 0, Arizona State leads series 1-0		
Saturday	Arizona State (45-17) vs. North Dakota State (38-19)		
Saturday	North Dakota State vs. Arizona State*		
At Atlanta			
Saturday	Washington 7, Georgia Tech 1, Washington leads series 1-0		
Sunday	Georgia Tech (44-14) vs. Washington (46-10)		
Sunday	Washington vs. Georgia Tech		
At Gainesville, Fla.			
Saturday	California (38-18) vs. Florida (58-3)		
Sunday	Florida vs. California		
Sunday	California vs. Florida*		
At Los Angeles			
Saturday	Missouri (48-9) vs. UCLA (44-9)		
Sunday	UCLA vs. Missouri		
Sunday	Missouri vs. UCLA*		
*if necessary			

NCAA Division II championship

At Salem, Va. Double Elimination Thursday, May 21			
Angelo State 3, Indianapolis 1			
North Georgia 5, Dixie State 3			
Alabama-Huntsville 1, Winona State 0			
Lock Haven 5, LeMoyne 0			
Friday, May 22			
N. Georgia 3, Angelo State 2, 11 innings			
Alabama-Huntsville 3, Lock Haven 1			
Saturday, May 23			
Dixie State eliminated			
Game 7 — Indianapolis 3, Dixie State 0			
Game 8 — Winona State 2, LeMoyne 1, LeMoyne eliminated			
Game 9 — Indianapolis (37-20) vs. Lock Haven (47-6)			
Game 10 — Angelo State (49-9) vs. Winona State (50-12)			
Sunday, May 24			
Game 11 — North Georgia (49-3) vs. Game 9 winner			
Game 12 — Alabama-Huntsville (53-5) vs. Game 10 winner			
Game 13 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 11 loser, if necessary			
Game 14 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 12 loser, if necessary			
Monday, May 25			
Championship			
Game 15 — Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner			

College lacrosse

NCAA Men's Division I championship

At Gillette Stadium Foxborough, Mass. Semifinals Saturday, May 23			
Syracuse 17, Duke 7			
Virginia (15-2) vs. Cornell (12-3)			
Championship Sunday, May 24			
Syracuse (15-2) vs. Virginia/Cornell			

NCAA Women's Division I championship

At Johnny Unitas Stadium Towson, Md. Semifinals Friday, May 22			
Northwestern 12, Penn 12, 2OT			
North Carolina 8, Maryland 7			
Championship Saturday, May 23			
Northwestern (22-0) vs. North Carolina (16-4)			

Tennis

World Team Championship

Saturday At Rochusclub Duesseldorf, Germany Purse: \$2.57 million (World Championship) Surface: Clay-Outdoor Championship			
Serbia 2, Germany 0			
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (5).			
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 6-4.			
Nicolas Kiefer and Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Viktor Troicki and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 7-5, 4-6, 10-7 tiebreak.			
Friday Round Robin Red Group			
Germany 2, Sweden 1			
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Andreas Vinciguerra, Sweden, 6-1, 6-2.			
Nicolas Kiefer and Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Robert Lindstedt and Robin Soderling, Sweden, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 13-11 tiebreak.			
Blue Group			
Argentina 3, Russia 0			
Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, def. Evgeny Korolev, Russia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.			
Maximo Gonzalez and Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Evgeny Korolev and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 2-2, retired.			
Sera 2, Italy 1			
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Franco-cco Piccari, Italy, 6-2, 6-3.			
Nenad Zimonjic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Francesco Piccari and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-0, 7-6 (5).			

Warsaw Open

Saturday At Klub Tenisowy Legia Warsaw, Poland Purse: \$600,000 (Premier) Surface: Clay-Outdoor			
Championship			
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Alona Bondarenko (8), Ukraine, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-0.			
Doubles Semifinals			
Raquel Kops-Jones and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (3), United States, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, 6-5 (15-0), retired.			
Championship			
Raquel Kops-Jones and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (3), United States, def. Yan Zi and Zheng Jie (2), China, 6-1, 6-1.			
Friday Singles Semifinals			
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Daniela Hantuchova (6), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-1.			
Alona Bondarenko (8), Ukraine, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-2, 7-5.			
Doubles Semifinals			
Raquel Kops-Jones and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (3), United States, lead Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, 6-5 (15-0), susp., rain.			

Strasbourg International

Saturday At Centre Sportif de Hautepierre Strasbourg, France Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.) Surface: Clay-Outdoor Singles			
Championship			
Aravane Rezaï, France, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 7-6 (2), 6-1.			
Doubles			
Championship			
Nathalie Dechy, France, and Mara Santangelo, Italy, def. Claire Feuerstein and Stephanie Foretz, France, 6-0, 6-1.			

Austrian Open

Saturday At Mercedes-Benz Sportpark Kitzbuehel Kitzbuehel, Austria Purse: \$611,100 (WT250) Surface: Clay-Outdoor Singles			
Championship			
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.			
Doubles			
Championship			
Marcelo Melo and Andre Sa (2), Brazil, def. Andrei Pavel and Horia Tecau, Romania, 6-7 (9), 6-2, 10-7 tiebreak.			

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Released RHP Adam Eaton. Recalled RHP Matt Albers from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Hunter Jones to Pawtucket (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated RHP Chien-Ming Wang from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Albaladejo to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Activated INF Nomar Garciaparra from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Chris Schroder to Sacramento (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Placed LHP Scott Kazmir on Inactive to May 21, and RHP RHP Percival on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Dale Thayer and SS Reid Brignac from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS—Activated RHP Frank Francisco from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Victor Padilla on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 17.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled RHP Casey Janssen and INF Joe Inglett from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned OF Travis Snider, LHP Brett Cecil and RHP Bobby Ray to Las Vegas.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Optioned RHP James Parr to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled RHP Manny Acosta from Gwinnett.

CHICAGO CUBS—Activated RHP Carlos Zambrano from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Rich Harden on 15-day DL.

CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned RHP Ramon Ramirez to Louisville (IL). Designated OF Darnell McDonald for assignment. Recalled RHP Carlos Fisher and RHP Ryan Haney from Louisville. Purchased the contract of OF Jonny Gomes from Louisville.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled C Brett Hayes from New Orleans (PCL). Optioned RHP Christian Martinez to Jacksonville (SL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Designated OF Chris Duffy for assignment. Optioned INF Hernan Ibarren to Nashville (PCL). Recalled LHP R.J. Swindle from Nashville.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled 1B John Mayberry Jr. from Lehigh Valley (IL). Optioned LHP Sergio Escalona to Lehigh Valley.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Reinstated INF Juan Uribe from the bereavement list. Optioned INF-OF Eugenio Velez to Fresno (PCL).

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Fired coach Mike Keenan.

COLLEGE

AUBURN—Named Paul Yetter assistant swimming and diving coach.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON—Named Mike Shearer women's assistant volleyball coach.

OHIO—Announced sophomore basketball player Alex Kellogg has transferred from Providence.

ST. EDWARD'S—Named Greg Cooper assistant athletic director for facilities and event management.

WAKE FOREST—Announced the contract of Rick Remick, baseball coach, will not be renewed.

Sports briefs

Mallinger, Sabbatini share Byron Nelson lead

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Rory Sabbatini and John Mallinger were set to play another round together as co-leaders of the Byron Nelson Championship.

The second-round co-leaders shot 5-under 65s Saturday to share the lead again after three rounds. They were at 13-under 197 and two strokes ahead of three other players.

Sabbatini was even through four holes before closing his front nine with four birdies. He has won four times, the last time two years ago in the Colonial.

Mallinger enjoyed a bogey-free round. He is in his 77th PGA Tour event and looking for his first victory.

Dustin Johnson had a 66 and struggled after going 6 under through eight holes. He was in the group at 11 under with Brian Davis and D.A. Points.

Orioles release Eaton

WASHINGTON — Struggling pitcher Adam Eaton was released Friday by the Baltimore Orioles, who lost patience with the right-hander after he won only two of eight starts.

Eaton gave up seven runs in 4½ innings against the New York Yankees on Thursday, a performance that left him 2-5 with an 8.56 ERA. He allowed nine homers and 19 walks in 41 innings, and lasted longer than six innings only once.

Bobcats owner Johnson seeking buyer for franchise

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — After losing tens of millions of dollars, the first black majority owner of a major professional sports team is exploring selling the Charlotte Bobcats.

Bob Johnson's decision could pave the way for minority investor Michael Jordan to take control of the team — if he's willing to meet Johnson's price.

The NBA confirmed Friday that Johnson is using a New York-based sports financial services firm to seek additional investors. Jordan said in February that he'd be interested in someday getting majority control of the team.

players transferring

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Longhorns Aundre McGaskey and Montre Webber said Friday they will transfer to other schools in hopes of getting more playing time.

The 6-foot-5, 300-pound McGaskey, a sophomore, redshirted in 2007 and played 11 games at offensive tackle and with special teams last year. Webber, a junior wide receiver, played 12 games last season and caught two passes for 16 yards.

Mavs' Howard has surgery on wrist and ankle

NEW YORK — Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left wrist and left ankle on Thursday.

Howard, referring to the ankle, said last week that doctors were

"just going in there to clean out all the junk."

Howard missed 22 games this season because of the ankle but returned in late March and helped the Mavericks to a first-round playoff victory over San Antonio. The Mavs were then eliminated in five games by Denver. He averaged 15.8 points during the playoffs.

The team expects Howard back in Dallas this weekend to begin rehabilitation.

Rays place Kazmir, Percival on disabled list

MIAMI — Scott Kazmir is out for at least a couple of weeks, and Troy Percival's career may be over. Both pitchers were placed on the 15-day disabled list Friday by the Tampa Bay Rays before the start of their series against the Florida Marlins.

Kazmir, who has a left quadriceps strain, remained with the team. Percival, 39, sidelined by right shoulder tendinitis, flew home to California to discuss his baseball future with his family.

Kazmir is 4-4 with a 7.69 ERA. He said his thigh has bothered him since the Rays' series at Boston two weeks ago.

Percival, a four-time All-Star, ranks eighth on the career saves list with 358. He's 6 for 6 this season but has a 6.35 ERA, and the DL stint is his fourth since the beginning of last year.

Flames fire Keenan

CALGARY, Alberta — Mike Keenan was fired as coach of the Calgary Flames on Friday, almost a month after his team lost in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

Keenan spent just two seasons with Calgary, and general manager Darryl Sutter said expectations were not met.

The Flames finished the regular season with 46 victories and 98 points, but were ousted in the first round in six games by the Chicago Blackhawks.

Miyazato, Kang share LPGA Corning lead

CORNING, N.Y. — Rookie Mika Miyazato of Japan and Soo-Yun Kang of South Korea shared the lead after three rounds of the LPGA Corning Classic.

Miyazato shot a 10-under 62 and Kang had a 65 Saturday. Their score of 17-under 199 tied the tournament record for low 54-hole total.

They were one stroke ahead of South Korea's Yani Tseng, who shot a 62. Tseng was 8 under on the front nine to set a course record and match an LPGA record for nine holes.

Minea Blomqvist of Finland shot a 66 and was alone at 15 under.

Kentucky's Jarmon ruled ineligible by NCAA

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky defensive end Jeremy Jarmon was ruled ineligible for his senior season by the NCAA because of a failed drug test.

He said during a news con-

ference Saturday that he had inadvertently taken a banned substance that turned up positive during a random NCAA test in February. An appeal was denied, in effect ending his college football career.

Jarmon did not identify the substance or say where he got it.

Two Texas football Steelers LB's son 'doing well' after dog attack

PITTSBURGH — The agent for Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison says the player's young son is "doing well" at a Pittsburgh hospital following an attack by a pit bull.

Harrison's agent, William Parise, said 2-year-old James Harrison III was bitten on the thigh after his mother let the dog out of its pen Thursday afternoon. Parise said Saturday he was with the boy at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and the boy was expected to remain there for another day or two.

South Korean cards 3 eagles in 5 holes in LPGA event

CORNING, N.Y. — Eunjung Yi of South Korea made three eagles in her first five holes during Saturday's third round of the LPGA Corning Classic.

Yi eagled the par-4 first hole,

the par-5 second hole and the par-5 fifth hole. She's just the fifth player in LPGA history to accomplish the feat and only the 17th to post consecutive eagles.

South Korea's Amy Yang aced the par-3 third hole with a 4-iron from 182 yards. It's her first hole-in on tour.

Judge denies most claims by Vikings' Williamses

MINNEAPOLIS — A federal judge dismissed most of the claims by two Minnesota Vikings stars facing suspension over their positive test for a banned diuretic.

U.S. District Judge Paul A. Magnuson on Friday remanded two of the claims by Vikings defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams to state court.

But Magnuson threw out most of the Williamses' claims and dismissed a lawsuit brought by the NFL players union on behalf of the Williamses and three New Orleans Saints players also facing suspension.

Lawyers for the union and the Williamses argued that league officials knew in 2006 that a supplement called StarCaps contained a banned diuretic, but did not specifically notify players.

Magnuson, however, agreed with the NFL that players are

responsible for what is in their bodies.

Indians' Reyes, Laffey on DL

CINCINNATI — The Cleveland Indians placed right-handed starter Anthony Reyes and left-hander Aaron Laffey on the 15-day disabled list.

Reyes left Friday's game against the Cincinnati Reds with an inflamed pitching elbow after walking a career-high six batters and hitting another in three innings.

Laffey left in the eighth inning after feeling muscles tighten in his lower right side.

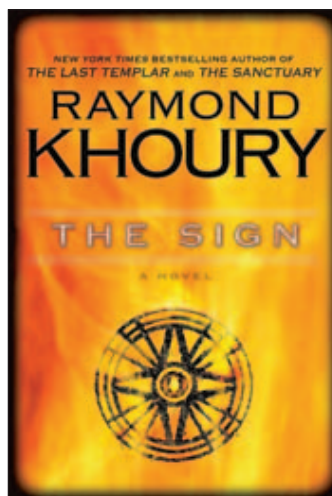
Alabama pitcher throws 2 straight no-hitters

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama sophomore Kelsi Dunne became the first player to throw back-to-back no-hitters in NCAA softball tournament play.

Dunne held Jacksonville State hitless for the second straight day in a 9-0 victory Saturday. She led the Crimson Tide to a Super Regional championship and a spot in the Women's College World Series.

The two no-hitters tied an NCAA tournament record. It was Dunne's fourth no-hitter of the season and a school-record sixth for her career.

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SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24

Auto racing

Indianapolis 500 lineup

Sunday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car numbers in parentheses; all cars
Dallara-Honda F-1600)

ROW 1
1. (3) Helio Castroneves, 224.864.
2. (6) Ryan Briscoe, 224.083.
3. (10) Dario Franchitti, 224.010.

ROW 2
4. (02) Graham Rahal, 223.954.
5. (9) Scott Dixon, 223.867.
6. (11) Tony Kanaan, 223.612.

ROW 3
7. (5) Mario Moraes, 223.331.
8. (26) Marco Andretti, 223.114.
9. (12) Will Power, 223.028.

ROW 4
10. (7) Danica Patrick, 222.882.
11. (99) Alex Lloyd, 222.622.
12. (2) r-Raphael Matos, 223.429.

ROW 5
13. (15) Paul Tracy, 223.111.
14. (14) Vitor Meira, 223.054.
15. (18) Justin Wilson, 222.903.

ROW 6
16. (27) Hideki Mutoh, 222.805.
17. (20) Ed Carpenter, 222.780.
18. (4) Dan Wheldon, 222.777.

ROW 7
19. (41) A.J. Foyt IV, 222.586.
20. (16) Scott Sharp, 222.162.
21. (67) Sarah Fisher, 222.082.

ROW 8
22. (44) Davey Hamilton, 221.956.
23. (06) r-Robert Doornbos, 221.692.
24. (8) Townsend Bell, 221.195.

ROW 9
25. (17) Oriol Servià, 220.984.
26. (19) Tomas Scheckter, 221.496.
27. (24) r-Mike Conway, 221.417.

ROW 10
28. (43) John Andretti, 221.316.
29. (13) E.J. Viso, 221.164.
30. (23) Milka Duno, 221.106.

ROW 11
31. (00) r-Nelson Philippe, 220.754.
32. (21) Ryan Hunter-Reay, 220.597.
33. (36) r-Alex Tagliani, 221.115.

Coca-Cola 600 lineup

Sunday
At Lowe's Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 188.475.

2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.258.
3. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.193.
4. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 188.166.
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 187.820.

6. (9) Casey Mears, Dodge, 187.493.
7. (09) Mike Bliss, Dodge, 187.422.
8. (43) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 187.396.
9. (23) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 187.188.

10. (21) Bill Elliott, Ford, 187.169.
11. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 187.162.
12. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 186.916.

13. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186.864.
14. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 186.832.
15. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 186.825.

16. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 186.735.
17. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 186.599.
18. (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 186.574.
19. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 186.548.
20. (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 186.477.

21. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 186.368.
22. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 186.233.

23. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 186.220.
24. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 186.181.

25. (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 186.014.
26. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 185.970.

27. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 185.829.
28. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 185.778.

29. (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 185.707.
30. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 185.605.

31. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 185.593.
32. (13) Max Papis, Toyota, 185.433.
33. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 185.319.

34. (6) David Ragan, Ford, 185.172.
35. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 185.096.

36. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 184.704.
37. (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 184.590.

38. (44) A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge, 184.338.
39. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 183.949.

40. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 183.281.
41. (34) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, Owner Points

42. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, Owner Points
43. (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 184.433.

Failed to Qualify
44. (41) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 184.093.
45. (73) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 182.457.
46. (64) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 182.426.
47. (06) David Starr, Dodge, 179.081.

Indianapolis 500

Graham Rahal plans his future

American driver, 20, would like to be the new face of IndyCar racing

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Graham Rahal says IndyCar racing needs bigger names, higher-profile sponsors, more fans and a young driver to sell the sport. And he knows just the guy to do it.

A 20-year-old American.

"I'd love to be the face of this series, and I think the potential is there," Rahal said. "But you have to become successful first."

Rahal is making progress on that front.

After becoming the youngest winner in series history in the 2008 season opener, he won the poles at the St. Petersburg, Fla., road course and the Kansas oval, then narrowly missed qualifying for the front row in Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

Rahal will start fourth, the inside of Row 2, as the top American in this weekend's 33-car field.

Challenging him as the future star of IndyCar racing are other youngsters such as Marco Andretti, 22, and Mario Moraes, 20, of Brazil, both of whom qualified in the front three rows.

Moraes fits the old model.

The Brazilian got his start in the South American F3 series and moved to Britain's F3 series in 2007 before joining IndyCars last season.

In 19 career IndyCar starts, Moraes has three top-10 finishes — none higher than seventh.

And he fits right in among Indy's first four rows, which include drivers from Brazil, Australia, Scotland, New Zealand and England. The only Americans in the



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Graham Rahal, 20, would like to join his father, Bobby, as winners of the Indianapolis 500. He will start fourth, the inside of Row 2, as the top American driver in this weekend's 33-car field.

bunch are Rahal, Andretti, who starts eighth, and Danica Patrick, 27, who will start 10th.

Longtime veterans acknowledge that, for the series' long-term health, Indy needs a young American to reach Victory Lane in its signature event.

"If it's not me, I think it would be great to have an American win because the series has a lot of foreigners already," said Tony Kanaan, 35, the 2004 points champ and a Brazilian.

"It needs to be someone with a

personality that fans love, and it needs to be someone that hasn't won it before."

Rahal has yet to join his father, Bobby, in the Indy winners' club.

And Andretti, who earned a second-place finish in the 2006 Indy 500 as a rookie, longs to be the first Andretti to sip Indy's traditional milk since his grandfather, Mario, did four decades ago.

Clearly, having another Andretti name on the Borg-Warner Trophy would be a boon for the

series.

"To bring the name back to Victory Circle would be awesome," Andretti said.

Still, Rahal believes he's IndyCar's best hope because of his commitment to the series.

Most international drivers, such as Moraes, grew up dreaming of running Formula One and still aspire to that series.

Andretti also has openly expressed an interest in F1, though his father's ill-fated overseas venture makes him leery of taking just a job.

"That's something you learn from; you need a team to be fully behind you," he said.

"Looking back, I don't think he (Michael Andretti) had that. And you can't be the second driver on a team, you've got to be the first."

But Rahal insists he's here to stay as long as the series will keep him.

That's a drastic change from recent years when some of the series' best and brightest — Tony Stewart, Sam Hornish Jr. and Dario Franchitti — switched to stock cars.

Now Rahal's working on bolstering his résumé to back up his dreams.

After growing up on road courses, Rahal has shown significant improvement on ovals this season, qualifying well at Kansas and Indy and finishing seventh at Kansas.

In his second IndyCar season, Rahal has six top-10s, including two this season and the one victory.

A second career triumph, at Indianapolis, would certainly boost his profile and give the series a bolt of excitement.

He can't wait to get it started — for himself and the series.

"You know how it once was, and we all want to see it get back and get even bigger," he said.

"If you're going to see that happen, it's going to take someone (young) winning the 500."

Helio: 'My life is starting all over again'

HELIO, FROM BACK PAGE

Penske has a third entry for the first time since 1994, when Al Unser Jr. gave him a victory. Will Power, hired to fill in for Castroneves until his legal problems were resolved, was rewarded with a drive at Indy after Castroneves returned to the cockpit.

The Aussie, starting from the outside of the third row, might be the most motivated of the Penske drivers because the team has not guaranteed him more races.

"I know I have a great car and a great team," Power said. "I'm going to do the best job I can and we'll see what happens. I don't believe this will be my last race for Penske."

Briscoe figures with all that firepower the team has a very good chance for success.

"Hopefully, just doing everything right and minimizing the mistakes is what it will take to win the race," Briscoe said.

Nothing is ever a sure thing at Indy, though.

Tony Kanaan is a good example. He has raced at Indy seven times, led the race each year — a record — and has yet to finish better than second (2004).

"Maybe this will be our year because nobody has been saying much about us," said Kanaan, starting from the outside of the second row. "I know I could have won this race a couple of times by now, but you need a good car, good strategy and a little good luck. Maybe it will all happen this time."

The people's favorite is IndyCar glamour girl Danica Patrick. Unlike past years, she hasn't been

very visible this month, never among the fastest drivers in practice and suffering through a disappointing qualifying effort that left her 10th on the grid.

Like Andretti Green Racing teammates Kanaan and Marco Andretti, Patrick has a car that has been more consistent than fast. And that's just fine with her.

"I really think I've got a great shot," she said. "I've got more experience, which I really think does pay off here."

Longtime open-wheel star Paul Tracy won't have that in his favor Sunday.

Back at Indy for the first time since losing to Castroneves in 2002 in a controversial finish, Tracy will start from the inside of the fifth row. He insists he won that race, passing Castroneves moments before a caution flag

waved, freezing the field. After considerable investigation and six weeks of deliberation, race officials disagreed.

"I've got no grudge, but I still believe I won that race," said Tracy, the leading active driver with 31 career victories.

This time, he wants to leave no doubt.

"I'm not here just to race and have a good day," Tracy said. "I want to win."

But it's Castroneves who's already working a winning streak, taking his third Indy pole and the annual pit stop contest.

"I feel very lucky," Castroneves said. "My life is starting all over again. I'm having fun doing what I love doing best, and I'm going to try to win Indy again. It is definitely going to be an interesting race."

Interservice scoreboard

Football

USFJ-AFL

Northern Division

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Yokosuka	2	0	1.000	43	37
Misawa	1	1	.500	14	11
Yokota	0	2	.000	27	36

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Foster	2	0	1.000	54	20
Kadena	1	1	.500	30	15
Torii	0	2	.000	14	63

Friday's game

Torii at Yokota, p.p.d., transportation problems

Saturday's game

Foster at Yokosuka, p.p.d., transportation problems

Saturday, May 30

Kadena at Misawa, 2 p.m.
Yokota at Yokosuka, 6 p.m.
Torii at Camp Foster, 6 p.m.

Softball

19th Pacificwide Open
At Lombardo Field Fourplex
and Field 5, South Post
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

Pool-play standings

Men's Pool A

International Guzzlers	5-0
Sasebo Naval Base, Japan	3-2
Kunsan Air Base, South Korea	3-2
Daegu/Area IV, South Korea	2-3
Camp Red Cloud, South Korea	2-3
Aviation	0-5

Men's Pool B

American Legion, Okinawa	4-0
Misawa Air Base, Japan	3-1
Camp Casey, South Korea	3-2
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea	3-2
Enforcers	1-4
595th MT	0-5

Men's Pool C

KKD	5-0
Shanghai Sons	3-1
Camp Humphreys, South Korea	3-1
Yokota Air Base, Japan	2-3
94th Military Police	1-4
Geckos Glaciers	0-5

Men's Pool D

Heat 3N2	5-0
Osan Air Base, South Korea	4-1
Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan	2-2
Suwon Air Base, South Korea	1-3
Honor Guard	1-3
Ghost Riders	0-6

Friday's late scores

Yongsan Garrison 18, Misawa Air Base

7 Osan Air Base 16, Yokosuka Naval

Base 3

Sasebo Naval Base 16, Daegu/Area IV

0

KKD 14, Shanghai 7

Saturday's scores

Kunsan Air Base 14, Aviation 2

Camp Casey 15, 595th MT 0

Honor Guard 7, Ghost Riders 0, walk-

over

Camp Humphreys 24, 94th Military

Police 1

International Guzzlers 16, Daegu/Area

IV 1

American Legion 35, Yongsan Garri-

son 12

Shanghai 18, Yokota Air Base 17

Heat 3N2 16, Yokosuka Naval Base 0

Sasebo Naval Base 7, Camp Red Cloud

2

Misawa Air Base 19, Enforcers 7

KKD 28, Geckos Glaciers 0

Osan Air Base 32, Suwon Air Base 20

American Legion 20, Camp Casey 4

International Guzzlers 16, Kunsan Air

Base 5

Camp Humphreys 11, Yokota Air Base

6

Heat 3N2 7, Ghost Riders 0, walkover

Daegu/Area IV 12, Camp Red Cloud 5

Yongsan Garrison 16, Enforcers 0

Shanghai 25, Geckos Glaciers 7

Yokosuka Naval Base 13, Suwon Air

Base 3

Misawa Air Base 22, 595th MT 1

Sasebo Naval Base 19, Aviation 8

KKD 16, 94th Military Police 1

Osan Air Base 11, Honor Guard 1

Camp Red Cloud 20, Aviation 11

Enforcers 17, 595th MT 3

94th Military Police 17, Geckos Gla-

ciers 7

Suwon Air Base 9, Honor Guard 5

Kunsan Air Base 17, Daegu/Area IV 11

Yokosuka Naval Base 7, Ghost Riders

0, walkover

Camp Casey 21, Yongsan Garrison 12

Shanghai 9, Camp Humphreys 6

International Guzzlers 15, Sasebo Na-

val Base 5

American Legion 19, Misawa Air Base

0

Heat 3N2 19, Osan Air Base 4

KKD 19, Yokota Air Base 6

American Legion vs. Camp Red Cloud,

late

International Guzzlers vs. Enforcers,

late

Yokota Air Base vs. Suwon Air Base,

late

Heat 3N2 vs. Geckos Glaciers, late

Sunday's games

Misawa Air Base vs. Kunsan Air Base,

1 a.m., Field 1

Sasebo Naval Base vs. Camp Casey, 1

a.m., Field 5

KKD vs. Ghost Riders, 2:20 a.m., Field

1

Osan Air Base vs. Camp Humphreys,

2:20 a.m., Field 5

Daegu/Area IV vs. Yongsan Garrison,

3:40 a.m., Field 1

Shanghai vs. Yokosuka Naval Base, 3:40

a.m., Field 5

Aviation vs. 595th MT, 5 a.m., Field 1

94th Military Police vs. Honor Guard,

5 a.m., Field 5

Men's double-elimination playoffs

Sunday's games

Game 1-International Guzzlers vs. C4,

6 a.m., Field 1

Game 2-B2 vs. D3, 6 a.m., Field 2

Game 3-KKD vs. A4, 6 a.m., Field 5

Game 4-B3 vs. D2, 7:20 a.m., Field 1

Game 5-American Legion, Okinawa,

vs. D4, 7:20 a.m., Field 2

Game 6-A2 vs. C3, 7:20 a.m., Field 5

Game 7-Heat 3N2 vs. B4, 8:40 a.m.,

Field 1

Game 8-A3 vs. C2, 8:40 a.m., Field 2

Game 9-Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser,

10 a.m., Field 1

Game 10-Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser,

10 a.m., Field 2

Game 11-Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser,

11:20 a.m., Field 1

Game 12-Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser,

11:20 a.m., Field 2

Game 13-Game 1 winner vs. Game 2

winner, 12:40 p.m., Field 1

Game 14-Game 3 winner vs. Game 4

winner, 12:40 p.m., Field 2

Game 15-Game 5 winner vs. Game 6

winner, 2 p.m., Field 1

Game 16-Game 7 winner vs. Game 8

winner, 2 p.m., Field 2

Game 17-Game 12 winner vs. Game 13

loser, 3:20 p.m., Field 1

Game 18-Game 11 winner vs. Game 14

loser, 3:20 p.m., Field 2

Game 19-Game 10 winner vs. Game 15

loser, 4:40 p.m., Field 1

Game 20-Game 9 winner vs. Game 16

loser, 4:40 p.m., Field 2

Game 21-Game 13 winner vs. Game 14

winner, 6 p.m., Field 1

Game 22-Game 15 winner vs. Game 16

winner, 6 p.m., Field 2

Game 23-Game 19 winner vs. Game 20

winner, 7:30 p.m., Field 1

Game 24-Game 17 winner vs. Game 18

winner, 7:30 p.m., Field 5

Game 25-Game 21 loser vs. Game 23

winner, 9 p.m., Field 1

Game 26-Game 22 loser vs. Game 24

winner, 9 p.m., Field 5

Game 27-Game 21 winner vs. Game 22

winner, 10:30 p.m., Field 1

Game 28-Game 25 winner vs. Game 26

winner, 10:30 p.m., Field 5

Monday's games

Game 29-Game 27 loser vs. Game 28

winner, 8 a.m., Field 1

Game 30-Game 27 winner vs. Game 29

winner, 9:30 a.m., Field 1

Game 31-Game 27 winner vs. Game 29

winner if Game 27 winner loses Game 30,

11 a.m., Field 1

Women's Pool A

(final; listed in order of playoff seeding)

Sang Ji University, South Korea 6-0

Yard Busters, Okinawa 5-1

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea 4-2

Osan Air Base, South Korea 2-4

Daegu/Area IV, South Korea 1-5

Dreams, South Korea 0-6

Women's Pool B

Kyong Nam, South Korea 5-1

Red Fox, South Korea 5-1

Lady Guzzlers 5-1

Camp Humphreys, South Korea 2-4

Camp Casey, South Korea 1-5

Seoul American High School 0-6

Saturday's games

Yard Busters 21, Dreams 0

Kyong Nam 10, Red Fox 8

Lady Guzzlers 23, Camp Humphreys 0

Daegu/Area IV 9, Dreams 6

Kyong Nam 17, Camp Casey 2

Yongsan Garrison 17, Camp Hum-

phreys 3

Sang Ji 11, Yard Busters 2

Osan Air Base 15, Daegu/Area IV 0

Red Fox 4, Lady Guzzlers 0

Camp Humphreys 12, Camp Casey 10

Kyong Nam 12, Osan Air Base 4

Sang Ji 9, Yongsan Garrison 3

Yard Busters 11, Camp Casey 6

Osan Air Base 13, Dreams 6

Women's double-elimination playoffs

Sunday's games

Game 1-Sang Ji University, South Ko-

rea, vs. Camp Humphreys, South Korea,

9 a.m., Field 3

Game 2-Red Fox, South Korea, vs.

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, 9 a.m.,

Field 5

Game 3-Kyong Nam, South Korea, vs.

Osan Air Base, South Korea, 10:30 a.m.,

Field 3

Game 4-Yard Busters, Okinawa, vs.

Lady Guzzlers, 10:30 a.m., Field 5

Game 5-Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser,

12:15 p.m., Field 3

Game 6-Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser,

12:15 p.m., Field 5

Game 7-Game 1 winner vs. Game 2

winner, 1:45 p.m., Field 3

Game 8-Game 3 winner vs. Game 4

winner, 1:45 p.m., Field 5

Game 9-Game 6 winner vs. Game 7

loser, 3:15 p.m., Field 3

Game 10-Game 5 winner vs. Game 8

loser, 3:15 p.m., Field 5

Game 11-Game 7 winner vs. Game 8

winner, 5 p.m., Field 3

Game 12-Game 9 winner vs. Game 10

winner, 5 p.m., Field 5

Monday's games

Game 13-Game 11 loser vs. Game 12

winner, 8:30 a.m., Field 3

Game 14-Game 11 winner vs. Game 13

winner, 10 a.m., Field 3

Game 15-Game 11 winner vs. Game 13

winner if Game 11 winner loses Game 14,

11:30 a.m., Field 3

Santana overcomes three
Mets errors, beats Red Sox

BY HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Johan Santana did fine against the Boston Red Sox hitters. His own fielders gave him problems.

The lefty should be used to it.

The New York Mets won 5-3 Friday night despite making three errors. More than a third of their miscues, 12 of 35, have occurred in Santana's starts. Only 10 of the 17 runs he's allowed this season have been earned.

"After a mistake or error, you try and bounce back and get the next guy," Santana said. "That's what I was doing."

All three errors, two by shortstop Ramon Martinez and one by third baseman David Wright, came with fewer than two outs, and Santana (6-2) retired all the batters who followed in those three innings.

"He doesn't let it get in the

Peavy W,4-5	6	2	0	0	4	10
Gregerson H,4	1½	1	0	0	1	3
Mujica H,5	1	2	0	0	0	3
Bell S,12-12	½	0	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Zambrano (Eckstein), by Peavy (Scales). WP—Heilman. T—2:53. A—27,260 (42,691).

Phils take advantage of heat, humidity, Burnett

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jimmy Rollins sent A.J. Burnett's first pitch of the night deep over the right-field scoreboard.

Carlos Ruiz had his first homer since Game 3 of last October's World Series, and Jayson Werth became the first player to reach the left-field second deck.

For the New York Yankees, Mark Teixeira hit the first drive into the suite level, just below the upper deck.

Seven more home runs were hit at baseball's newest launching pad on Friday night when the top home run-hitting teams in each league faced off. Four were hit by the Philadelphia Phillies, who rolled to a 7-3 victory in the first

interleague game at new Yankee Stadium and ended New York's nine-game winning streak.

"All the home runs were actually pretty legit, I thought," Rollins said. "It doesn't matter if the field is anything under 500 feet, it's going to give up some home runs."

Raul Ibanez also homered for the World Series champions, who have won seven of eight — all on the road.

Alex Rodriguez hit his sixth since rejoining the Yankees on May 8 and with 559 pulled within four of Reggie Jackson for 11th on the career list. Derek Jeter and Teixeira connected in the eighth, after the Phillies had gone ahead 7-1.

There have been 82 homers in 21 games at Yankee Stadium,

with nine games of five or more homers and three of seven or more. Fifty-one of the homers have gone to right field.

"It travels good, there's no doubt," Teixeira said. "But at least to right field and right-center, it's always traveled good, even in the old place."

Rollins, who hit his 29th leadoff homer, envisioned leading off on Thursday.

"I kind of said it would be nice to do, first time at Yankee Stadium, my first swing, you know, be a home run. I prayed on it. Prayers get answered," he said. "It would have been nice had I did it at the old Yankee Stadium, but unfortunately I didn't have the opportunity to play there."

It was 80 degrees at game time, the first warm, humid night of the

season, and baseballs took off.

Given a 5-0, fifth-inning lead, Brett Myers (4-2) gave up three runs and eight hits in eight innings with no walks and five strikeouts. Burnett (2-2) dropped to 0-2 in his past seven starts, giving up five runs and eight hits in six innings and matching a career high by yielding three homers.

Burnett hit Philadelphia's second batter, Chase Utley, on a shoulder with a pitch. Myers threw his second pitch behind Jeter, prompting plate umpire Mike Winters to warn both dugouts.

"I think that's what we need to do as a team," Myers said. "I think everybody protects each other on a team and, you know, I mean it's part of the game. I mean it's kind of like eye for an eye."

Burnett said he wasn't trying to hit Utley but understood what Myers was doing.

"I don't pitch that way. Those guys know that," he said. "He was just sticking up for his teammate."

Chien-Ming Wang, activated before the game after nearly a month on the disabled list, made his third career relief appearance and gave up a homer deep over the Yankees bullpen to Ibanez. Wang threw 51 pitches, allowing two runs and six hits in three innings, lowering his ERA from 34.50 to 25.00.

"I saw a lot more velocity. I saw a lot more sink when the ball was down," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "His arm strength is back. His sinker was exploding. It was a step in the right direction."

Cards again play a zero-sum game

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kyle Lohse threw eight innings of four-hit ball and the St. Louis Cardinals shut out the Kansas City Royals 5-0 for the second straight game Saturday, giving the rotation its fifth straight dominant outing.

Lohse (4-3) struck out six with no walks, shaking off three straight losses to start the month. Cardinals starters have allowed one run in 36²/₃ innings during a five-game winning streak in which St. Louis has outscored its opponents 18-2, with a complete game by Joel Pineiro and an 8²/₃-inning stint by Adam Wainwright.

Nick Stavinocha drove in two first-inning runs for the second straight game, providing a fast start for a team that had lost seven of nine before the pitching staff took over.

Skip Schumaker added his third homer, all in a span of 30 at-bats, in the third inning.

Miguel Olivo doubled twice but no runner made it past second base for the Royals, who have lost 11 of 14 and fell one game below .500 (21-22) for the first time since April 11. Kansas City has been shut out three times, all in the last 13 games.

The Royals had only three runners in scoring position against Lohse, who retired the side in order four times. He looked impressive after struggling on short rest in a makeup game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday, when he allowed four runs in four innings.

Lohse was hit on the right elbow by Ron Mahay's pitch in the eighth, loading the bases for the Cardinals. Lohse stayed in to run the bases and then was relieved by Chris Perez, who struck out two in pitching the ninth.

Lohse faced the Royals for the first time since 2006 and beat them for the first time since a 12-0 shutout July 7, 2004, when he was with the Twins. Chris Perez allowed a hit in the ninth.

Luke Hochevar (0-2) retired the first two hitters in the first before running into trouble. Albert Pujols walked and stole his seventh base without a throw. Chris Duncan walked and Stavinocha doubled down the third-base line.

Stavinocha had a two-run single in the first inning of Friday's 5-0 victory and has five RBIs while making seven straight starts in right field in place of injured Ryan Ludwick.

Schumaker homered leading off the third for a 3-0 lead.

Hochevar allowed four runs in 6¹/₃ innings in his third start of the season, and best by far. He totaled 5¹/₃ innings his first two outings, allowing 10 earned runs, and the first overall pick of the 2006 draft entered with an unsightly 16.88 ERA.

In Friday's game: **Cardinals 5, Royals 0:** Todd Wellemeyer carried a three-hitter into the seventh inning as he bounced back from two poor starts.

Nick Stavinocha had a two-run single in the first off Kyle Davies (2-3), who later retired 15 in a row. Tyler Greene hit his second career homer in the seventh.

Jason Motte struck out pinch-hitters Willie Bloomquist and Billy Butler with runners on second and third to preserve a 2-0 lead in the seventh and ended up with three strikeouts in 1²/₃ innings.

Wellemeyer (4-4) retired the first six hitters and 11 of the first 12 to distance himself from two previous starts in which he allowed 11 runs in 10 innings, finding his footing against the team that waived him in May 2007. Wellemeyer walked a career-worst seven in his last outing against the Milwaukee Brewers, but had much better control against Kansas City with three walks and three strikeouts while allowing four hits in six-plus innings.

Wellemeyer entered 1-3 with a 6.51 ERA at home. His effort lowered his ERA to a still-hefty 5.35.



KYLE ERICSON/AP

St. Louis' Kyle Lohse limited Kansas City to four hits over eight innings Saturday, the latest in a string of outstanding efforts by Cardinals starters.

Stavinocha, likely holding a roster spot until injured outfielders Rick Ankiel and Ryan Ludwick return from the 15-day disabled list, put the Cardinals ahead with a two-out, two-run single in the first. The rookie has started six straight games in right field and has three RBIs.

Greene hit his second homer into the Cardinals' bullpen in right field on a 3-2 pitch from Horacio Ramirez for a 3-0 lead in the seventh. Pinch-hitter Khalil Greene, who has started only one of the past eight games due to anxiety issues related to a slump, added a two-run single off Kyle Farnsworth in the eighth.

Davies allowed two runs on only three hits in six innings. He's 0-1 on the road in five starts despite a 2.16 ERA.

Albert Pujols received his 2008 NL MVP plaque during a ceremony before the game.

Rangers rookies excel vs. Astros

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nelson Cruz's 10th-inning homer provided the final margin, yet the Texas Rangers were left talking about the play of two rookies that helped end a three-game skid.

Left-hander Derek Holland gave the Rangers a strong start and shortstop Elvis Andrus came up with big plays late to help Texas win 6-5 in 10 innings over the Houston Astros Friday night.

It was hard to say which rookie played better.

"I'd have to go with Elvis," Holland said. "He made so many plays and that was really big. I felt good but my teammates made plays behind me so I'd say Elvis was rookie of the day."

Manager Ron Washington wouldn't argue.

"Both of the rookies played well," Washington said. "But that double play Elvis started in the eighth inning, that saved us."

The Astros had two men on with one out when Andrus went hard to his right, stabbed a sharp grounder by Miguel Tejada and had it flying to second baseman Ian Kinsler.

"I just tried to get it over as quick as I could," Andrus said. "I didn't know if we could get two or not but I was hoping."

Holland was equally impressive through five innings, shutting Houston out until being chased by Lance Berkman's homer in the sixth.

"He (Holland) was as good as advertised," Washington said. "He pounded the strike zone and just got a slider up a little to Berkman. The guy is a great hitter."

Holland agrees. "I felt very good," Holland said. "I didn't run out of gas. Just one pitch took me out of the game. It was a slider and I left it up."

Holland gave up three runs and five hits in 5²/₃ innings. He struck out four and wasn't in trouble until the sixth.

He even impressed Berkman, who was told that many

people consider Holland a rookie sensation.

"I can see why," Berkman said. "The guy throws 95 mph from the left side. It seems like five or six years ago, if a lefty threw 90, that was hard. Now they've got guys all over the league throwing 95 from the left side. He's one of them. His stuff is great."

Manager Cecil Cooper also praised Holland.

"We faced a pretty good-looking left-hander," Cooper said. "I thought he really pitched well and didn't give us much. It was a great effort from him and from our club."

"We kept battling and gave ourselves a chance. We had first and second with one out and all we needed was a base hit, but we just didn't get it."

Cruz's ninth homer of the season came off LaTroy Hawkins (1-2), who pitched the 10th inning.

Darren O'Day (2-0) threw 1²/₃ perfect innings to win it, and Frank Francisco, who was activated from the disabled list before the game, pitched the 10th to earn his 10th save in 10 tries.

Texas built a 5-0 lead before Houston tied it with three runs in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Fellow rookie Felipe Paulino started and allowed four runs and seven hits and two walks, striking out three. Paulino is 0-4 with a 5.33 ERA in five starts.

Texas broke through on RBI singles by Michael Young and Andruw Jones in the third inning.

In the fourth inning, Andrus hit the first pitch he saw so hard that left fielder Carlos Lee didn't move as he watched it sail into the stands. It was Andrus' third home run of the season and gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead.

David Murphy's single chased Paulino in favor of reliever Wesley Wright in the sixth inning. Jarrod Saltalamacchia then hit Wright's first pitch out in left for a two-run homer that made it 5-0.

Big Unit leaves one more memory for M's fans

By GREGG BELL
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Randy Johnson was dealing zeros. Ken Griffey Jr. was in a Mariners uniform. A jazzed crowd rocked.

For five innings, the magic of 1995's first division title was back in Seattle — without the ugly roof of the old Kingdome overhead.

Johnson again didn't get victory No. 299; Jose Lopez ended that with an RBI hit in the sixth. Then Lopez sent an RBI single off the wall in the 12th, giving the Seattle Mariners a 2-1 victory over the anemic San Francisco Giants on Friday night.

This was probably the Big Unit's final outing in the city where he, Griffey and Alex Rodriguez led the Mariners during their heyday in the mid-1990s. And it was successful in every way except for not getting that suddenly elusive 299th victory.

"It was nice to come back here



JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP

Randy Johnson acknowledges a standing ovation as he leaves Friday night's game against Seattle in the sixth inning. Johnson spent 10 seasons with Seattle, winning five Cy Young awards.

and pitch well," Johnson said, after rebounding from a seven-run shelling by the New York Mets last weekend. "I needed that personally.

"If this was my last start (in Seattle), then I got the opportunity to walk off the mound here and pay my respects to the fans that have been very good to me."

He went 130-74 from 1989 to 1998 with Seattle, and won the first of his five Cy Young Awards here before an unpopular trade to Houston in the middle of a game in 1998. He has the most strikeouts (2,162) and shutouts (19) in Mariners history.

He's 45 now and parts of that long, flowing mane and goatee are gray. But for much of Friday, his results were vintage 1990s — six hits, one run, seven strikeouts. The cheering crowd of 38,520 was only disappointed he didn't last longer than 5 1/3 innings.

Seattle had scored one run in its previous 28 innings before San

Francisco's Justin Miller (1-1) walked Wladimir Balentien leading off the 12th. Pat Misch entered and Russell Branyan singled off him, sending Balentien to third. Rob Johnson walked to load the bases before Lopez's shot banged off the hand-operated scoreboard for his sixth career game-ending hit — and third this month.

Justin Vargas, who pitched seven innings, and Mark Lowe, former Giant David Aardsma and Sean White (2-1) held San Francisco to a season-low three hits.

One was a home run by Aaron Rowand, on Vargas' fourth pitch of the game. Thirty-four of the next 35 Giants went hitless. San Francisco has scored seven runs in its past five games, four of those one-run losses.

"With what he has at stake out there, every outing he's probably going to be pretty dialed in, so I was just trying to keep our team in the ballgame," Vargas said of Johnson.

Johnson concurred, saying, "I don't think my concentration was nearly as good against the Mets as it was tonight."

With his fastball still reaching 94 mph and sliders biting at hitters' ankles, Johnson carried a three-hit shutout into the sixth. But then he allowed a single and a walk around his final strikeout. His pace slowed. He began cursing at himself for missing the strike zone.

Finally, on Johnson's 30th pitch of the inning, Lopez lined an RBI single that scored Balentien to tie the score at 1.

When he left with one out and the bases loaded, Johnson stopped just before the foul line near third base, took off his cap and waved it toward every corner of the stadium. The crowd roared.

"I wanted to express my thank you to the fans, to tip my cap," he said. "It's been fun for years for me here."

Baseball roundup

Peavy brings more pain to Chicago by shutting down Cubs

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jake Peavy took care of two Chicago teams in two days.

A day after nixing a trade to the White Sox, Peavy struck out 10 as the San Diego Padres beat Carlos Zambrano and the Cubs 4-0 Friday night. San Diego extended its winning streak to a season-high seven games.

"These last 48 hours have been different for me, certainly, than anything I've ever experienced," Peavy said. "But nothing that you can't be professional about and handle."

Tony Gwynn Jr. doubled and scored two runs in his first start for San Diego since arriving via a trade with Milwaukee on Thursday. Gwynn drew a pinch-hit walk and scored the winning run in the ninth inning Thursday night as the Padres beat San Francisco 3-2.

Peavy (4-5), the 2007 Cy Young Award winner, struck out the side in the first and cruised from there in San Diego's first shutout this season, holding Chicago hitless until the fourth and giving up just one other hit over six innings. He walked four.

"I felt OK," Peavy said. "Not great stuff. I walked four guys. Any night you win in the big leagues is a good night. I prefer to pitch longer than six innings."

Three relievers combined with Peavy on a five-hitter in handing the Cubs their fourth shutout.

Following his first complete game of the season in his previous start, Peavy recorded double-digit strikeouts for a franchise-best 30th time, and the third time this season.

Facing Peavy "helps to exacerbate the problem," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "Peavy is a good pitcher, obviously. If the White Sox had gotten him, we wouldn't have faced him tonight, but we'd have faced him a couple of times in Chicago in the inter-league series, so we might be done with him."

Interleague

White Sox 2, Pirates 0: Gavin Floyd (3-4) gave up two hits over eight innings and Alexei Ramirez homered as the host White Sox rebounded from one of their worst days.

Floyd gave the White Sox just what they needed a day after their franchise record-tying 20-1 trouncing by Minnesota and rejection by Jake Peavy, outpitching Zach Duke to lift the White Sox to just their third victory in nine games.

Ramirez singled and scored in the third and led off the eighth with his second homer to make it 2-0. That was enough for Floyd

(3-4), who struck out eight and walked two after going 0-3 in his previous five starts. Bobby Jenks pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 10 chances.

Orioles 4, Nationals 2 (12): At Washington, veteran reliever Danys Baez (3-1) got his first big league hit in the 12th to spark a two-run uprising as the Orioles ended a four-game losing streak.

With the Baltimore bench down to one player, Baez reached on a squibber down the third-base line off Kip Wells (0-2) with two outs and none on. Brian Roberts and Adam Jones followed with doubles.

Baez (3-1) had not batted since 2003. The right-hander also pitched two shutout innings, and George Sherrill worked the 12th for his eighth save in 10 tries.

Rays 15, Marlins 2: At Miami, Andy Sonnanstine gave up only five baserunners and one run in six innings while the visiting Rays pounded 17 hits, including three homers. Tampa Bay scored eight runs in the first two innings off Ricky Nolasco.

Braves 1, Blue Jays 0: At Atlanta, Kenshin Kawakami (3-5) outlasted Roy Halladay and combined with Mike Gonzalez on a four-hitter. Kawakami (3-5) lasted eight innings and gave up only three hits with no walks and seven strikeouts. Casey Kutch-

man drove in the only run with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly.

Halladay gave up five hits with one walk and six strikeouts in seven scoreless innings. He settled for a no-decision after winning his previous five starts.

Gonzalez escaped a jam in the ninth for his seventh save.

Twins 11, Brewers 3: At Minneapolis, Michael Cuddyer hit for the cycle and matched his career high with five RBIs. Cuddyer hit a three-run homer in the first inning, doubled in the third and singled in the fourth before completing the cycle by tripling on a broken-bat liner into the left-field corner in the sixth.

He's the 10th in team history to hit for the cycle and the second this season, joining Jason Kubel.

Kevin Slowey (6-1) allowed only three runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Diamondbacks 2, Athletics 1: At Oakland, Calif., Chris Young homered for the first time in more than a month, and Billy Buckner won in his first start since 2007.

Young, batting in the ninth spot as a starter for the first time in his career, hit a solo home run off Trevor Cahill in the fifth to snap an 0-for-21 streak and put the Diamondbacks ahead 2-1.

Buckner, recalled from Triple-A Reno before the game, pitched 7 1-3 strong innings, allowing only Matt Holiday's solo homer

in the second. Jon Rauch worked a scoreless ninth for his second save in as many chances.

Angels 3, Dodgers 1: At Los Angeles, Chone Figgins hit a tie-breaking, two-run single in the eighth inning and saved two runs with a sparkling play at third base for the Angels.

Kendry Morales and Gary Matthews Jr. opened the eighth with singles off Cory Wade (0-3). Howie Kendrick tried to bunt the runners over, but Wade got the force at third. The right-hander then walked pinch-hitter Maicer Izturis and Figgins followed with his clutch hit to right field.

Darren Oliver (1-0) allowed one hit over 1 1/3 innings. Brian Fuentes had a 1-2-3 ninth for his 12th save.

Reds 3, Indians 1: At Cincinnati, Bronson Arroyo (6-3) gave up five hits and a run in eight innings, and slumping Adam Rosales doubled home the go-ahead run in the bottom of the eighth.

Grady Sizemore had two of the hits off Arroyo, including a homer in the first inning.

Tigers 4, Rockies 3: At Detroit, Brandon Inge homered and rookie Rick Porcello won his fourth straight start for the Tigers, who've won seven straight.

Porcello (5-3) gave up six hits and a run in six innings.

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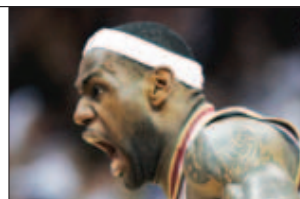
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THE 93rd INDIANAPOLIS 500

Only the fifth
driver to take two
in a row at
the Brickyard,
Castroneves gears
for Victory Lane



Pole-sitter Helio Castroneves gives his approval after Friday's final practice run for the Indianapolis 500. Below, the Brazilian driver's crew works on his car during its victory in the finals of the Indy 500 Pit Stop Challenge at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The 93rd running of the 500 is Sunday at the Brickyard, with a 30 percent chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms until mid-afternoon.

JEFF ROBERSON, LEFT,
AND DARRON CUMMINGS, BELOW/AP



HELIO: ALL SYSTEMS GO

By MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

Helio Castroneves understands better than most how hard it is to win the Indianapolis 500. The charismatic Brazilian won here as a rookie in 2001 and then backed it up with a victory the next year, becoming only the fifth driver in the history of Indianapolis Motor Speedway to win two in a row.

Since then, six years have passed with no fence-climbing celebrations at Indy for the driver known as "Spiderman."

"The first year was pretty tough," Castroneves said. "The second year was even tougher. The third year, I had like a bullet. This car was incredible, supersonic. I finished second. So, I learned that you can't let opportunities go by. You've got to go for it. That's what we're going to do this Sunday."

A triumph this year would be particularly significant for Castroneves. On Friday, federal prosecutors dropped the remaining tax-evasion conspiracy charge against him and his sister, clearing Castroneves of all charges that once threatened to derail his career.

In just his third race since returning to

the series, Castroneves will start from the pole Sunday, with Penske Racing teammate Ryan Briscoe next to him in the middle of the front row. That 1-2 punch gives team owner Roger Penske a good shot at his 15th Indy victory.

"Obviously, we've got a good chance this year with two cars on the front row," said Penske, who last visited Victory Lane with Sam Hornish Jr. in 2006. "But, to win here, everything has to work perfectly. Everything."

Penske had a 1-2 finish in 2003, with Gil de Ferran outdueling Castroneves. This time, Castroneves would embrace giving the team another sweep — only with him-

self out front. Rising star Briscoe could make that difficult.

Although Castroneves is the oddsmakers' favorite, Briscoe is the one who could give Penske a new face on the Borg Warner Trophy.

"Winning this race comes from the preparations and the buildup to it, what you've done in the three weeks here," the Australian driver said. "I honestly feel as though we couldn't have done a better job this month. We've really got a good feeling with the car setup and what we need to do going into the race."

Good enough to go 1-2-3?

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